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-TWO BL ORTEX-

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I get told a lot that at times, *Boruto* seems more *Dragon Ball*-like than *Naruto*-like. Well, guilty as charged, as not only did I get totally hooked on *DB* during my impressionable years, but I also learned pretty much everything about drawing manga from it. Readability, how to use pauses, pacing, how to steer a reader's gaze… I am "Toriyama-style" in near-infinite ways, from head to toe.

I never got the chance to meet Toriyama Sensei, but he taught me so many things–almost too many to count–through his works. In fact, I am still learning from him. I know I'm taking liberties, but I consider him my eternal master.

—Mikio Ikemoto, 2024

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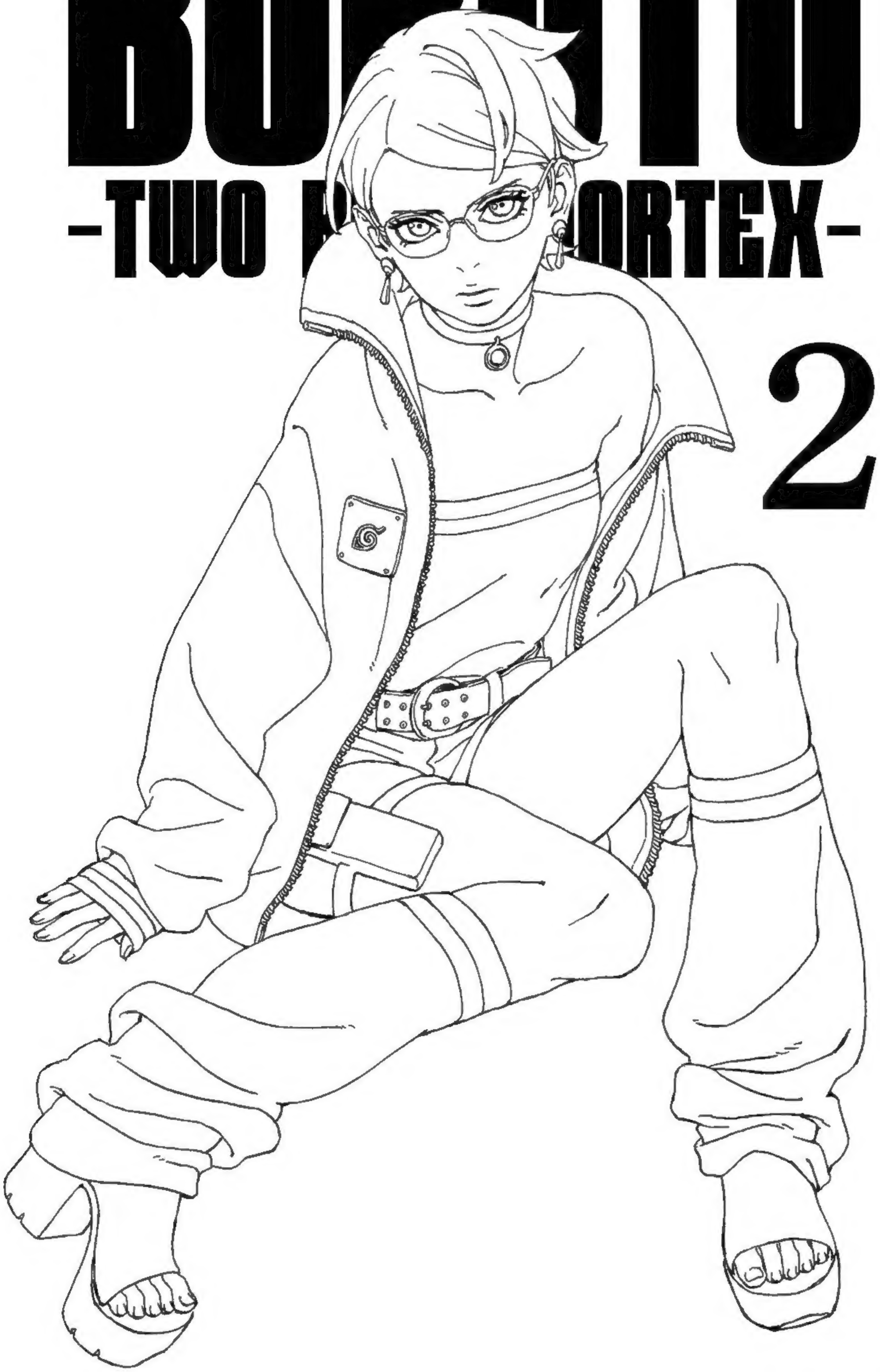

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BORUTO CHARACTERS
-TWO BLUE VORTEX-

UZUMAKI NARUTO

NARA SHIKAMARU

UCHIHA SASUKE

CODE

AMADO

THE DIVINE TREE QUARTET

UZUMAKI BORUTO

KAWAKI

UCHIHA SARADA

DAEMON

EIDA

UZUMAKI HIMAWARI

MITSUKI

KAKEI SUMIRE

The Great Ninja War that shook the world and shed much blood is now history. Naruto has become the Seventh Hokage, and the people of Konohagakure Village are enjoying peace. But Ohtsutsuki Clan members attack and leave a mysterious mark, the Karma, on Seventh Hokage Naruto's son Boruto…

After that incident, Boruto unexpectedly runs into Kawaki, who also bears a Karma. Under Naruto's protection, Kawaki starts to deeply respect Naruto and consider Boruto his brother.

However, following their battle against Code, who has inherited the Ohtsutsuki Will, Kawaki seals Naruto away and goes after Boruto's life. In addition, the power of Eida's Omnipotence causes Boruto and Kawaki to switch positions. Everyone's perception is that Kawaki is Naruto's son, and Boruto an outsider. Boruto, who has now become a fugitive, goes into hiding along with Sasuke…

Three years later, Code and Claw Grimes attack the Village of Konoha. Boruto appears and saves the day, then pursues Code, who has escaped into another dimension. But there he discovers self-aware Divine Trees…?!

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HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

GOOD. THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW.

...

TIME FOR A BREAK.

MASTER!

OLD MAN SAS--

...I MEAN...

WHADDAYA THINK ABOUT MY UCHIHA STYLE?

I'VE FULLY MASTERED IT NOW, RIGHT?!

HUH?

...

TRUE. THIS PAST YEAR...

...

DOES THIS FACE LOOK LIKE IT'S...

...JOKING?

AWW, MASTER!

THAT'S A ROUGH JOKE...

THERE'S STILL A LOT YOU CAN TEACH ME!

I WAS JUST MESSING AROUND.

...AND METH-ODS I KNOW.

...I SUPPOSE I'VE TAUGHT YOU ***ALMOST*** ALL THE MOVES...

...I'VE NEVER HEARD YOU CRACK A JOKE, MASTER.

COME TO THINK OF IT...

NOPE. NOT AT ALL.

...

DON'T SLACK OFF. KEEP PRAC-TICING...

...AND HONE YOUR MIND AND MOVES.

...WILL BE UP TO YOU, IN THE END.

BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE DONE TRAINING.

FOR WHAT YOU MAKE OF MY TEACHINGS ...

ALL THE THEORETICAL STUFF IS IN YOUR HEAD ALREADY, NO?

THEN I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO TEACH YOU.

YOU'VE GOT TALENT, ***AND*** YOU'RE A QUICK LEARNER.

WHAT THEY CALL A GENIUS.

MASTER ...

...

YOU'RE A LOT LIKE NARUTO.

HE ONCE LED ME BACK ONTO THE RIGHT PATH...
YOU HAVE THE SAME DETERMI-NATION IN YOUR EYES.
...AFTER I'D STRAYED.

I FINALLY THINK I UNDER-STAND WHY SARADA...
...ASKED ME TO HELP YOU.
IT NO LONGER MATTERS TO ME...
...WHO YOU REALLY ARE.

...

THAT'S WHAT MY GUT IS TELLING ME.
SOME-THING IS GOING ON.
AND THAT'S WHY I MEN-TORED YOU.
SOMETHING THAT ONLY YOU AND SARADA CAN DEAL WITH.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, BORUTO ?!

HURRY UP AND RUN!!

I WON'T ABAN-DON YOU!!

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT, MASTER ?!

DAMMIT ...

UCHIHA, YOU...!!

HOW DARE YOU TAKE MY EYE!!!

...AT *THE PRESENT.*

LISTEN CLOSELY!

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY WE CAN WIN AGAINST HIM...

WATCH OVER SARADA FOR ME...

...BORUTO.

THEN THERE WON'T BE ANYONE...

...WHO'LL BE ABLE TO STOP YOU!

SO ESCAPE FOR NOW!

SURVIVE AT ALL COSTS...

...AND BUILD ON ALL THE SKILLS I HAMMERED INTO YOU.

DIE.

MASTER
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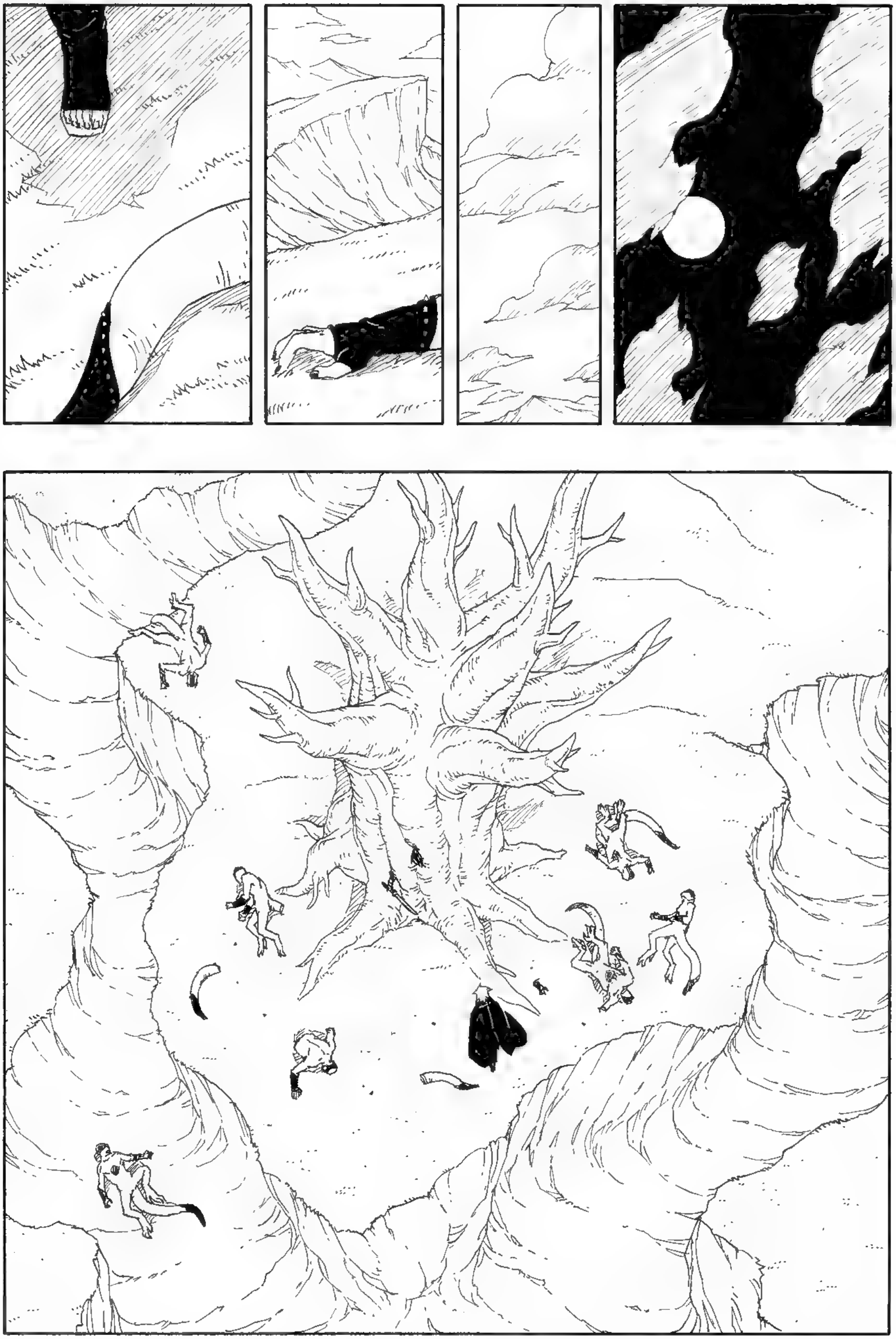

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...I MEAN...

...OLD MAN SAS--

I'VE GOT THIS...

...MASTER.

KONOHA-MARU!

THIS WAY.

HEY!

ARE ALL OF YOU OKAY?

...

MOEGI ...

...THEY SAID.

SHE WAS SHIELDING A MOM AND KID...

NEITHER CODE...

...NOR TEN TAILS!

I AIN'T FORGIV-ING 'EM...

SAME HERE!

LIKE, DUH.

...

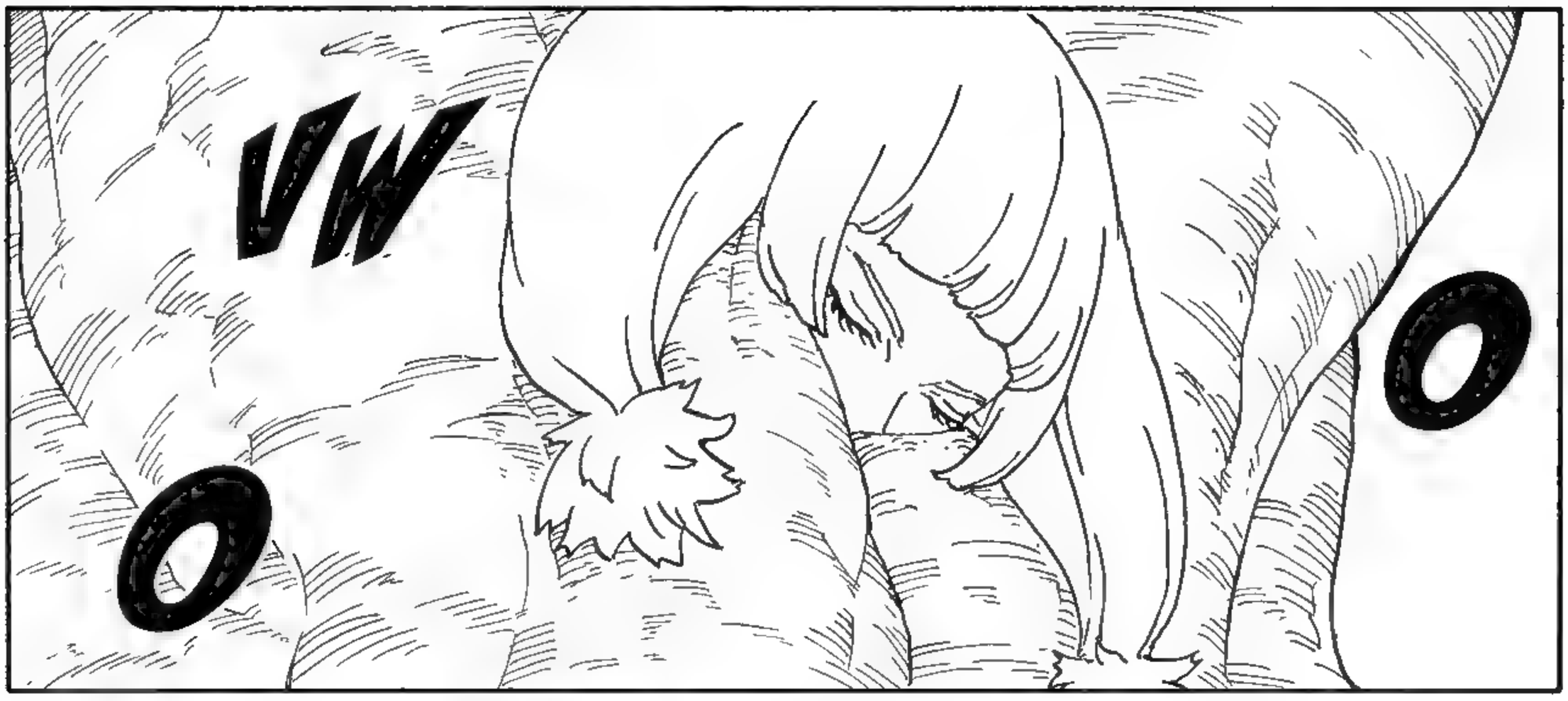
...

I SWEAR WE'LL FIND A WAY TO GET HER BACK...

...TOGETH-ER!

MOEGI ISN'T DEAD, YOU KNOW.

YESSIR.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THE INU-SHIKA-CHO CHILDREN ...
...AND SARUTOBI KONO-HAMARU.
I CAN SENSE THEIR DEEP SAD-NESS...
...AND RAGE.

...BUT MATSURI, THOSE EMOTIONS YOU ARE FEELING...

...SEEM TO BE YOURS ALONE.

IT'S PROOF THAT YOUR AWARENESS IS BEING STIMU-LATED.

WE MAY BE ONE UNIT, BIOLOGICALLY SPEAKING...

...WE ARE EX-PERIENCING AN UNPRECEDENTED STATE, IN WHICH WE EACH POSSESS INDEPENDENT CONSCIOUS-NESS.

IN SHORT, WHILE WE ARE STILL A SINGLE EXISTENCE KNOWN AS THE DIVINE TREE...

MORE-OVER, THERE IS...

...ONE THING I'D LIKE...

...TO DECLARE TO YOU RIGHT NOW.

...TO OUR GOAL OF DEVOURING THE OHTSUTSUKI BORUTO AND KAWAKI, AND EVOLVING INTO OUR FINAL FORM.

THERE IS NO MAJOR CHANGE...

I'M THINKING...

...OF DEVOURING UZUMAKI NARUTO.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I FEEL THIS WAY, MYSELF.

IT'S AN INSTINCTUAL DESIRE.

THAT'S WHY IT SEEMS SIGNIFICANT.

WO

UZUMAKI NARUTO...?

HE AIN'T AN OHTSU-TSUKI, RIGHT?
WHY?

...AND ARE EVOLVING DIFFERENTLY THAN USUAL.
CORRECT.
THUS, IT APPEARS SOME CHANGE IS HAPPENING TO OUR INSTINCTUAL DRIVE AS WELL.
HOWEVER, WE ARE ALREADY A DIVINE TREE...

...

WHAT THE...?!
SERIOUSLY?

...IT SHOULD COME TO YOU.

DO SO, AND IN DUE TIME...

GIVE IN TO YOUR INSTINCTS.

YOUR PERSONAL TARGET.

BEND YOUR EAR TO YOUR INNER VOICE.

...

FOLLOW MY INSTINCTS, EH?

HEY, BIG SIS.

WELL THEN, THE FIRST ONE THAT COMES TO MIND...

WHAT'S THE MATTER?!

GOOD CHOICE, MATSURI.

I CAN SENSE YOUR INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY.

JURA...

...IS SARUTOBI KONO-HAMARU.

I MIGHT WANNA EAT HIM.

...ARE WE?

I HAVE JUST ONE QUESTION...

EXACTLY WHAT...

IT'S LIKE GROWING PAINS, WHICH ARISE FROM THE MANIFESTATION OF YOUR EGO.

WORRYING ABOUT IT IS POINTLESS.

A REASONABLE QUESTION...

...BUT ULTIMATELY, IT DOESN'T MATTER.

...

...

...WILL LEAD TO THE FORMATION OF YOUR IDENTITY.

AND *THAT*, HIDARI...

WHAT YOU OUGHT TO DO IS WHAT'S IMPORTANT.

YOUR INSTINCT WILL REVEAL THAT TO YOU.

WHO YOUR TARGET IS.

THE CHAKRA OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE DEVOURED AND TURNED INTO TREES...

...BY THE CLAW GRIME...

...CREATED THESE GUYS?

...

TMP

PMT

PMT

SHF

YOU'RE WATCHING, AREN'T YA...

...EIDA?

I'VE DE-CIDED.

MY TARGET...

...IS YOU.

...

HEY!

YOU OKAY ?!

SPLOSH

MURMUR

...

ICK.

MURMUR

MURMUR

UCHIHA...

...
SARADA
...

THE SENRI-GAN?

INTER-ESTING.

MY TARGET...

...IS UCHIHA SARADA.

A GOOD CHOICE.

...

WWOO

TK

TK-TK

...

WHAT IS IT...

...KAKEI?

I HEAR HE PROTECTED KONOHA FROM CODE'S SURPRISE ATTACK.

SO IT APPEARS.

...

THREE YEARS AFTER HE FLED THE VILLAGE.

BORUTO HAS RETURNED.

...IS STILL GUNNING FOR HIS LIFE.

YES, BUT KONOHA...

ALL KAWAKI HAS TO DO IS IMPLANT KARMA INTO A NEW CLONED BODY THAT I'LL PREPARE.

I ADDED AKEBI'S DATA TO KAWAKI'S RECON-STRUCTED KARMA.

THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO REVIVE AKEBI.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

HE KILLED THE VILLAGE LEADER.

...

I SPRUNG BORUTO OUT OF KARA'S CLUTCHES ...

...TO TAKE ISSHIKI DOWN.

...WITH KASHIN KOJI'S HELP...

...

WOULDN'T IT BE PROB-LEMATIC FOR YOU IF BORUTO WERE KILLED?

YOU'RE AWFULLY NON-CHALANT ABOUT THIS.

...FOR YOUR DAUGHTER, RIGHT?

YOU WANTED HIM BACK...

WHICH IS WHY I NEED BORUTO ALIVE...

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT...

RIGHT, KAKEI?

...BECAUSE KARMIC RESUR-RECTION IS THE ONLY WAY...

AFTER ISSHIKI'S DEATH...

...I EMBEDDED MY DAUGHTER'S DATA WHEN I RECONSTITUTED BORUTO'S DISPELLED KARMA...

...TO RESTORE A HUMAN'S SOUL EXACTLY AS IT WAS.

...IT IS CLEAR ...

BUT THE TRUTH IS...

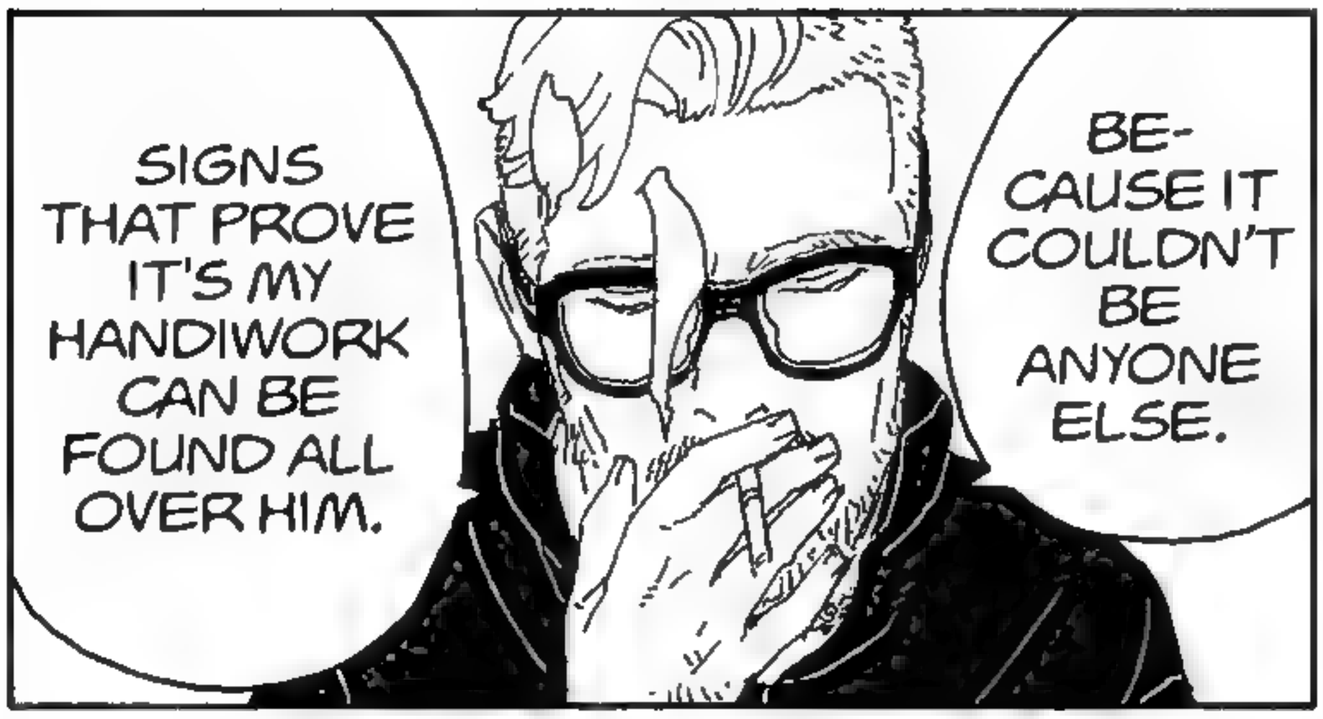
...HIS BODY IS A SCIENTIFIC NINJA TOOL, AND YET...

IN REGARDS TO KAWAKI, WHO ALSO HAS A KARMA...

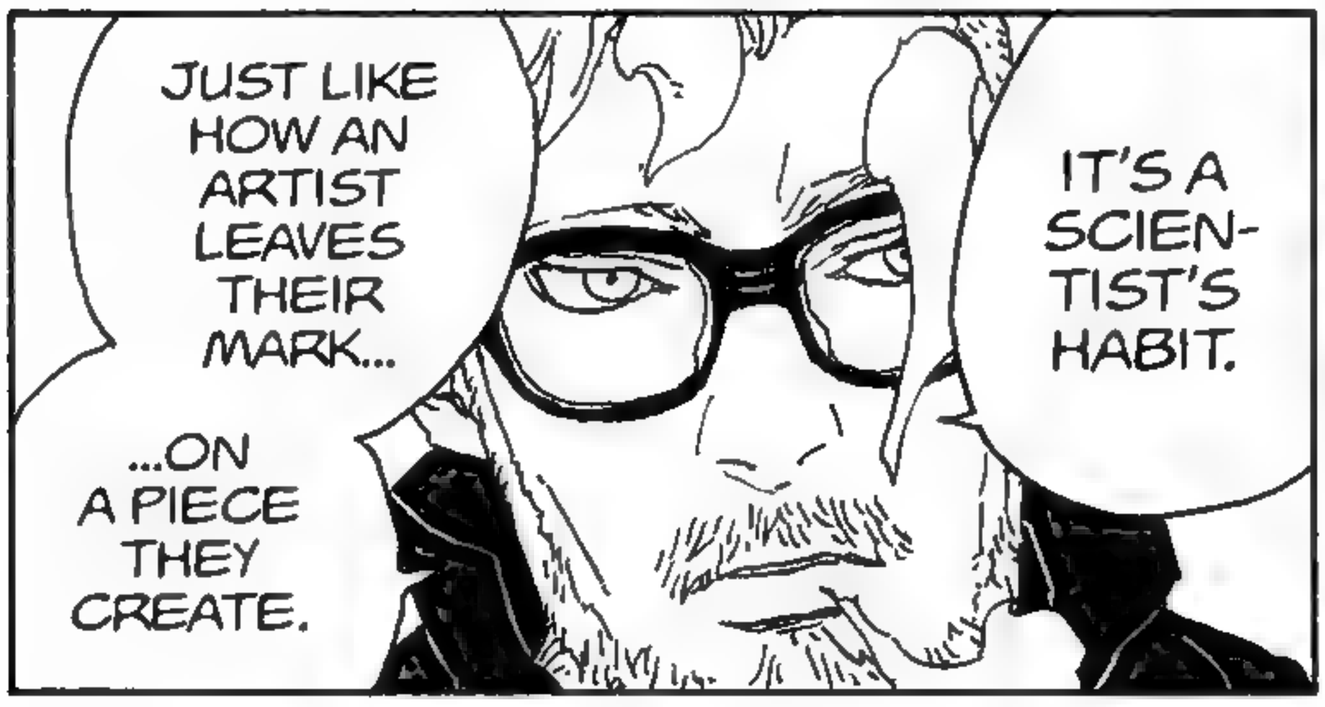
...DESPITE HIM BEING THE HOKAGE'S SON.

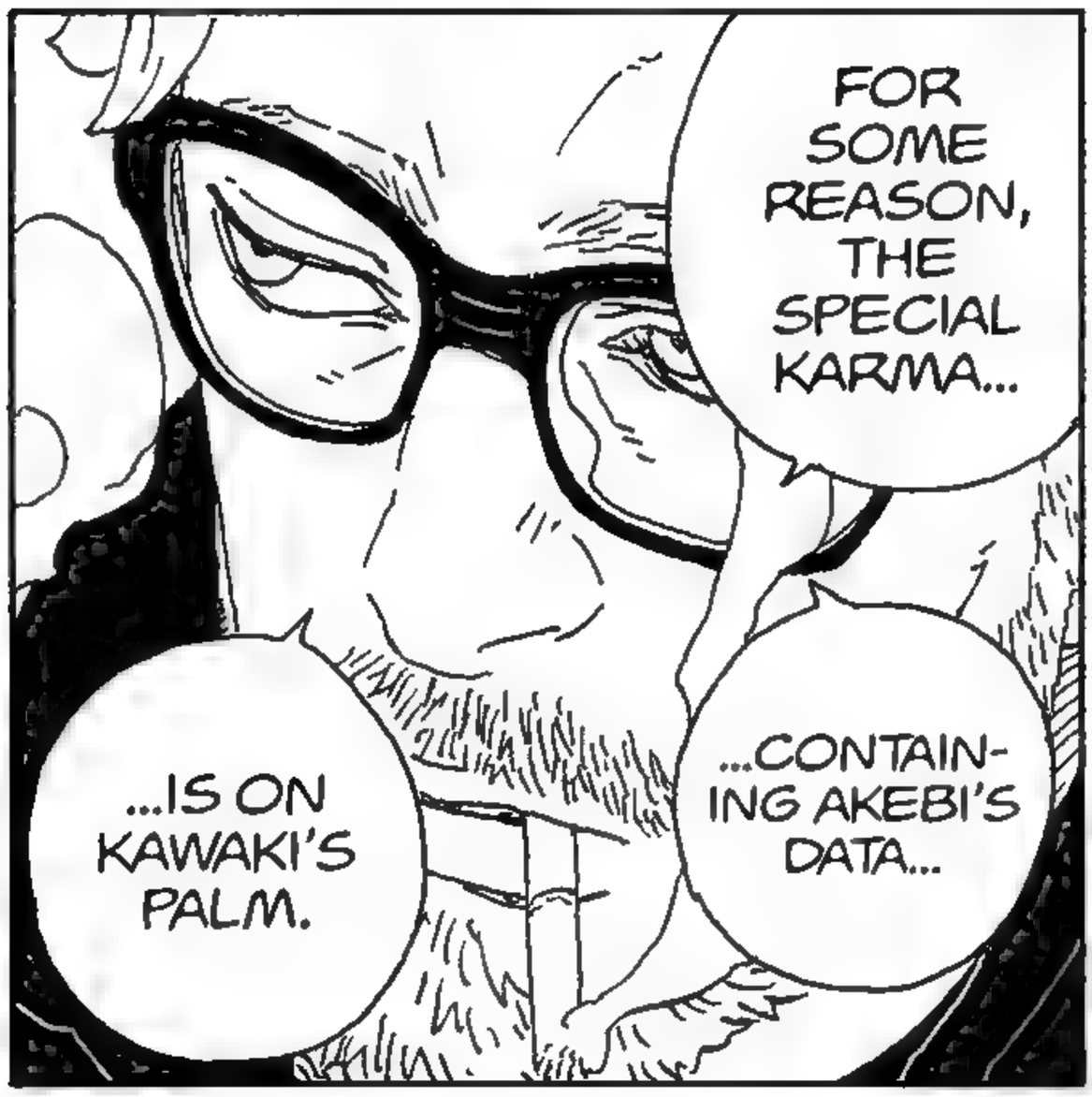
...NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW WHO MODIFIED HIM OR WHEN...

...*I'M* THE ONE WHO MADE THOSE MODIFI-CATIONS.


SIGNS THAT PROVE IT'S MY HANDIWORK CAN BE FOUND ALL OVER HIM.
BE-CAUSE IT COULDN'T BE ANYONE ELSE.

HOW DO YOU KNOW SUCH A THING?!
WHY?


JUST LIKE HOW AN ARTIST LEAVES THEIR MARK...
...ON A PIECE THEY CREATE.
IT'S A SCIEN-TIST'S HABIT.


FOR SOME REASON, THE SPECIAL KARMA...
...IS ON KAWAKI'S PALM.
...CONTAIN-ING AKEBI'S DATA...

IT'S THE SAME WITH HIS KARMA.
I CAN INSTANTLY TELL IF IT'S ONE I RECON-STRUCTED OR NOT.

...IN LIGHT OF THIS PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, I MUST CON-CLUDE...

THESE PHENOMENA COMPLETELY CONTRADICT MY MEMORY, BUT...

...THAT AT LEAST PART OF MY MEMORY...

...HAS BEEN ALTERED.

NOT TO MENTION THAT MEMORIES ARE NO MORE THAN AMBIGUOUS FIGMENTS OF THOUGHT.

THAT'S THE ONLY EXPLA-NATION.

AS A SCIENTIST, THERE IS NO PROOF...

... STRONGER THAN PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

AND IT ISN'T BORUTO WHO POS-SESSES IT.

MY ONLY PRIORITY IS THE KARMA CONTAINING AKEBI.

I DON'T KNOW WHO DID THE TAMPERING, BUT I CAN SAY THIS MUCH.

...

IT'S KAWAKI.

...

...ABOUT WHAT THEY SAID...

...SHIKA-MARU?

WHAT DO YOU THINK...

...

...MR. AMADO IS ***AWARE*** THAT HIS MEMORY WAS REWRITTEN...

...THAT DESPITE BEING AFFECTED BY OMNI-POTENCE...

...BASED ON PHYSICAL EVIDENCE?

YOU'RE SAYING...

HOW CAN THAT BE...

...A FAMILY PHOTO WITH BORUTO IN IT?

...IS LORD SEVENTH'S SON, EVEN WHEN SHOWN...

...WHEN EVERYONE ELSE STILL INSISTS THAT KAWAKI...

BUT...

...MY DAD STILL...

I THINK MOST PEOPLE AREN'T CAPABLE...

...OF DOUBTING THEIR OWN VIVID MEMORY.

THAT'S CUZ THEY'LL BELIEVE THEIR MEMORY...

...OVER ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

...

NOR-MALLY...

YEAH.

...MASTER SASUKE BELIEVED IN ME.

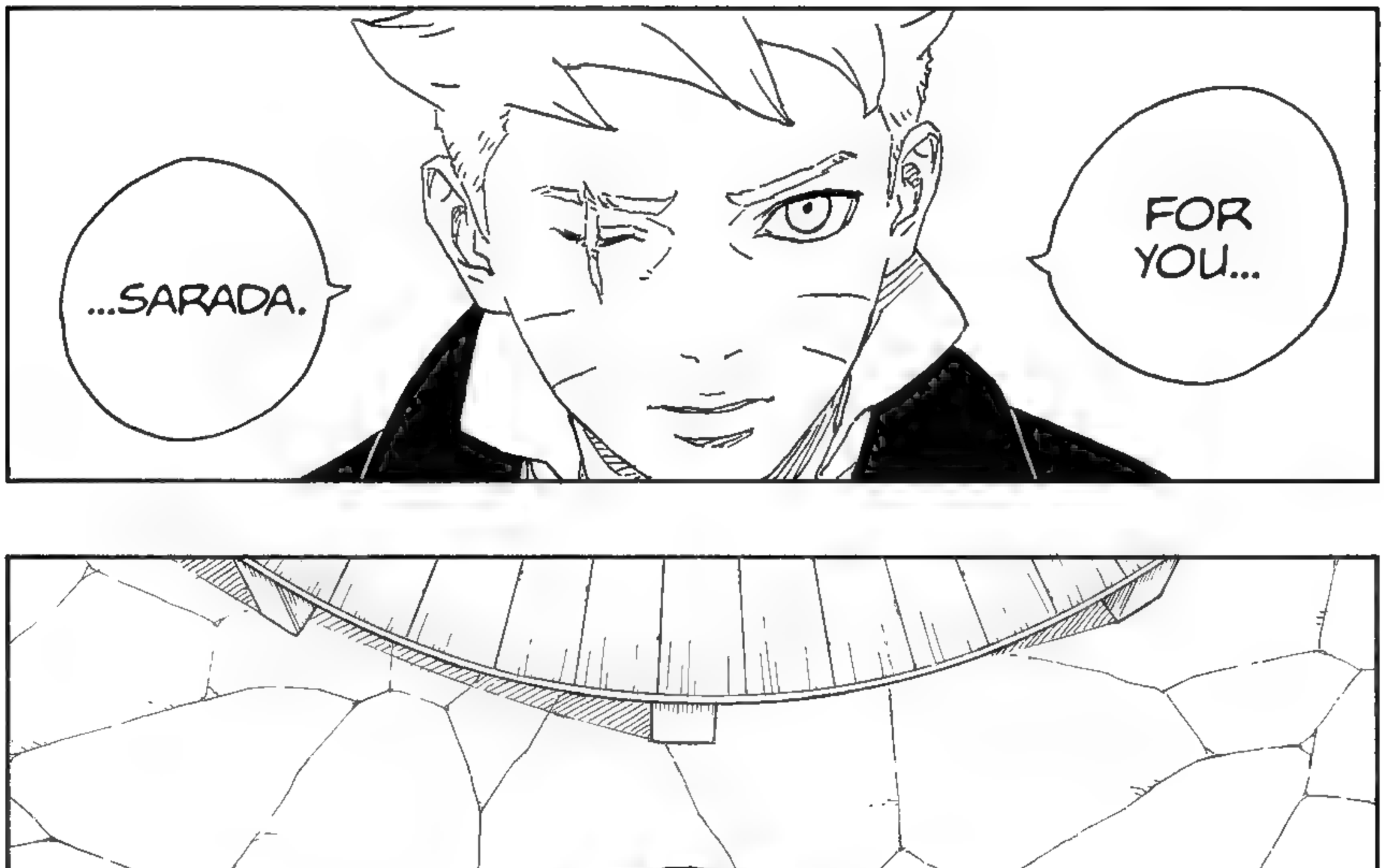
OLD MAN SASUKE...

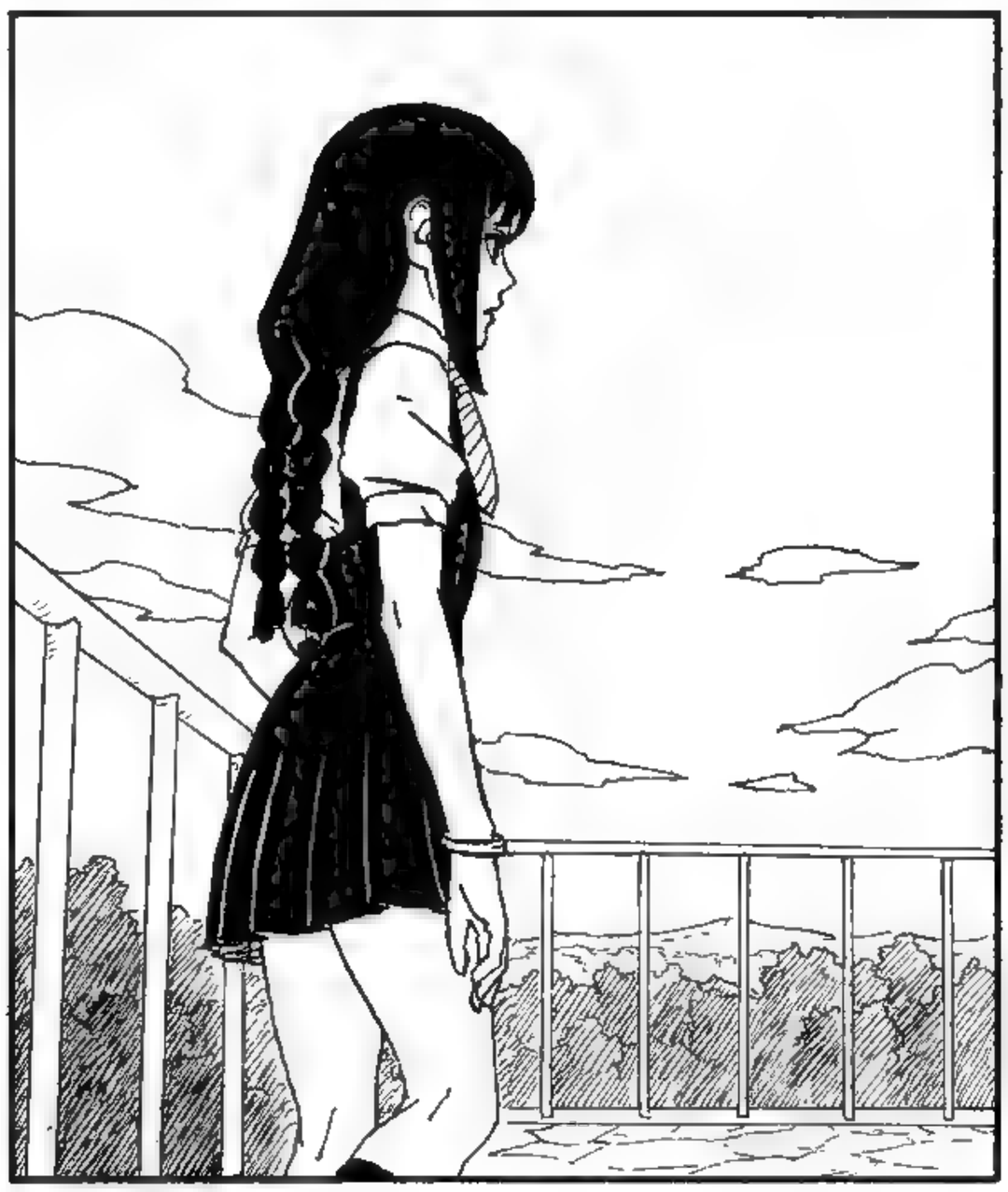
...OR RATHER ...

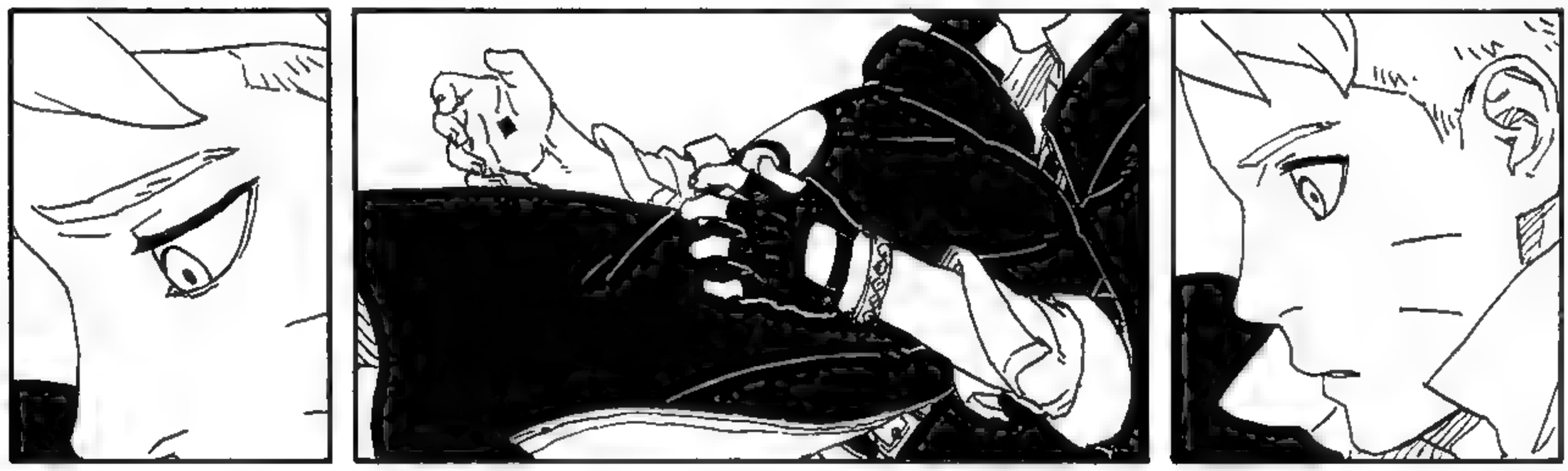
WHILE STILL DOUBTING HIS MEMORY...

...HE RISKED HIS LIFE...

...TO SAVE MINE.


...SARADA.
FOR YOU...





YOU'RE LATE...

...STUPID BORUTO.

SORRY.
I'M HOME NOW...

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BORUTO

-TWO BLUE VORTEX-

...BUT LOOKING AT THE RESULTS ...

HIS MOTIVE IS UN-KNOWN ...

...IT IS UNDENIABLE THAT CODE WAS ONLY DRIVEN OFF WITH BORUTO'S HELP.

AND HE HASN'T RE-APPEARED SINCE.

...FOR HAVING KILLED THE HOKAGE?

WHY HAS HE RETURNED WHEN HE KNOWS WE WANT HIM DEAD...

THE TRAITOR BORUTO, EH?

YES, I AM AWARE.

SO WITH YOUR LEAVE...

THIS ISSUE REFLECTS ON KONOHA'S HONOR, ESPECIALLY IN REGARDS TO THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF UZUMAKI KAWAKI.

THE DAIMYO ARE ALL BEYOND FURIOUS... NEVER MIND THE NEXT FISCAL BUDGET-- THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF OUR VILLAGE IS IN DANGER.

NO MATTER THE CIRCUM-STANCES...

...BORUTO AT THE VERY LEAST MUST BE ELIMINATED.

SHIKA-MARU.

...

STOP DALLYING AND FORMALLY ACCEPT THE TITLE OF LORD EIGHTH.

IT HAS BEEN THREE YEARS, THE PERIOD YOU YOURSELF DESIGNATED.

HAVE A GOOD DAY.

I SHALL REPORT IN AGAIN SOON.

...BUT THE OTHER VILLAGES AS WELL.

YOU'RE WEAKENING OUR POSITION NOT JUST WITH THE LAND OF FIRE...

...

NOK NOK

ENTER.

VWOOO

AH.

KLAK

THANKS FOR THE PERSONAL DELIVERY.

HERE'S THE DATA.

I'VE BROUGHT WHAT YOU ASKED FOR, SHIKA-MARU.

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THANK YOU, INO.
YOU CAN GO NOW.
THIS MISSION LOG'S FROM SO LONG AGO.
WHY DID YOU WANT IT?
WELL ...
CALL IT CURIOSITY.
...
火影室
KATNK
T
K
T
K
...

NOR EIDA, KAWAKI, OR AMADO EITHER.

IN FACT, DON'T LET **ANYONE** ELSE IN ON THIS CONVO.

I DON'T WANT THE SENSORY UNIT LISTENING.

SO TELL ME...

THE LOG WAS JUST AN EXCUSE, RIGHT?

WHAT'S THIS REALLY ABOUT?

YOU KNOW THAT OFF-THE-RECORD TRANSMISSIONS ARE A VIOLATION OF REGS.

SORRY, BUT IT DEPENDS ON THE CONTENT.

TK

TK

YEESH, FINE.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

TK

...

DO AS I SAY, OR ELSE WE'RE DONE HERE.

INO... KONOHA'S SAFETY HINGES ON THIS.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN ASK.

TEN TAILS THAT HAVE...

...DEVE-LOPED SELF-AWARE-NESS?

VWOOO

WHAT ABOUT CODE?

...

I THOUGHT THAT BASTARD WAS CON-TROLLING THEM.

I DON'T KNOW HOW OR WHY THEY GOT THAT WAY, BUT THEY...

...ARE *EVOLVING* ...

...INTO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT BEING THAN THEY NORMALLY WOULD.

THAT'S RIGHT...

...THEY'RE NOT JUST AFTER OHTSU-TSUKI...

...LIKE YOU AND BORUTO.

PLUS, THE TROUBLING THING IS THAT...

CODE'S RUN OFF SOME-WHERE.

THEY'RE NOW OUT OF HIS LEAGUE ANYWAY.

THEY'RE MON-STERS.

FOR WHATEVER REASON...

...SEVENTH HOKAGE UZUMAKI NARUTO TOO.

...THEY WANT TO KILL...

...

...ME AS WELL.

...

...AND...

UH...

UHE3

UHE3

WHY LORD SEVENTH?

...

...I CAN'T TELL YET.

THAT...

...ARE THESE BASTARDS AFTER?

WHAT EXACTLY ...

...

HMPH.

WHAT-EVER THESE THINGS ARE...

NO MATTER. LORD SEVENTH IS IN MY HANDS.

...I'LL GET RID OF ALL OF THEM.

HEY.

KAWAKI.

BORUTO AND SASUKE...

...ARE THE ONLY ONES OTHER THAN US...

AND THOUGH NO ONE'S LIKELY TO BELIEVE ***THOSE*** TWO CUZ THEY'RE CONSIDERED CRIMINALS...

...WOULDN'T SOMEONE EVEN-TUALLY FIGURE OUT...

...IF THOSE CLAW GRIME MONSTERS COME HERE LOOKING FOR THE HOKAGE...

...THAT YOU LIED?

MILK

...WHO KNOW THE HOKAGE IS ALIVE, RIGHT?

...

...WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU.

UNLIKE BIG SIS.

NOT THAT...

...I REALLY CARE ABOUT...

FSH

SHUP

SHUP

STOP IT, DAEMON.

DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS.

...

JUST SPY ON ME IF YOU WANT TO KNOW.

LEAVE ME ALONE...

KAWAKI?

WHERE'RE YOU GOING?

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YOU'RE ALL SO ANNOYING.

GAH.

IT'S MY JOB TO GUARD YOU AND EIDA.

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT, TAKE IT UP WITH LORD EIGHTH. AGAIN.

VWOOO

VWOOO

DON'T SHIFT THE BLAME...

...YOU HANGNAIL.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO THROW MYSELF AT HIM LIKE THAT...

...BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO START THINGS OFF NOW...

WHAT SHOULD I DO? THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I WANNA ASK...

...

YEAH.

DITTO, CLASS REP!

FSH

IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS...

...RIGHT, BORUTO?

I'M GLAD YOU LOOK WELL.

CAN YOU BLAME ME?

DO YOU KNOW HOW WORRIED I'VE BEEN?!

!

SAME FOR YOU, SARADA!

THOUGH I NEVER IMAGINED YOU'D JUMP AT ME LIKE THAT.

ARE YOU SURE...

...YOU SHOULD LINGER HERE?

BUT, BORUTO ...

TRUE.

...I'M SURE KAWAKI WILL NOTICE AT SOME POINT.

SO I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

I'VE ERASED MY CHAKRA SIGNA-TURE.

THE SENSORY UNIT WON'T DETECT ME, BUT...

I'M SO RELIEVED YOU'RE OKAY.

BOTH OF YOU.

I CAME HERE...

...TO TELL YOU ABOUT MASTER... ABOUT SASUKE.

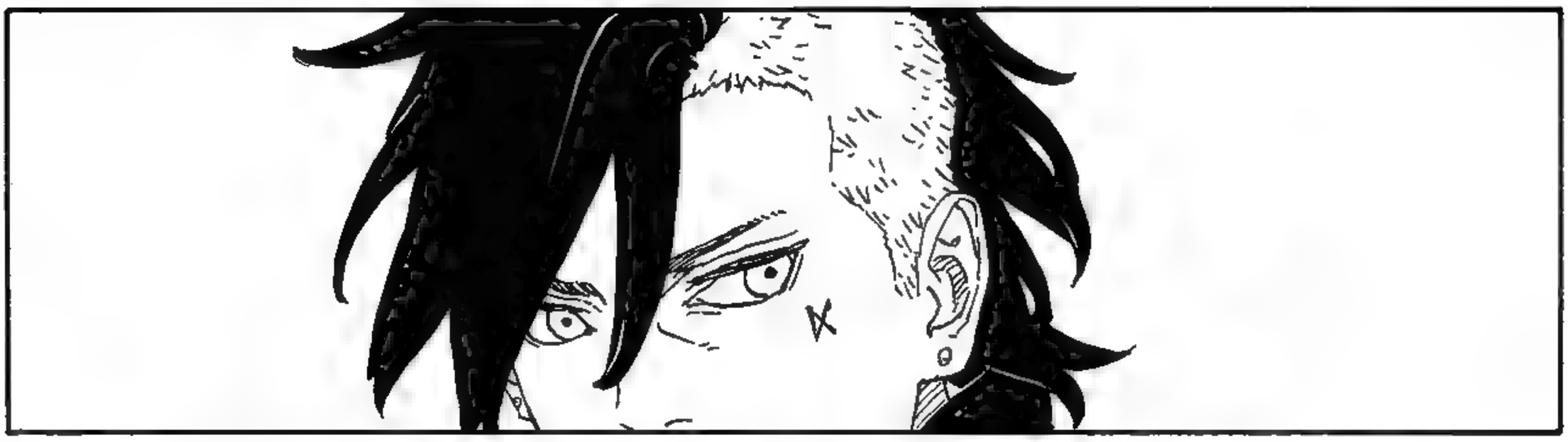
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN ...

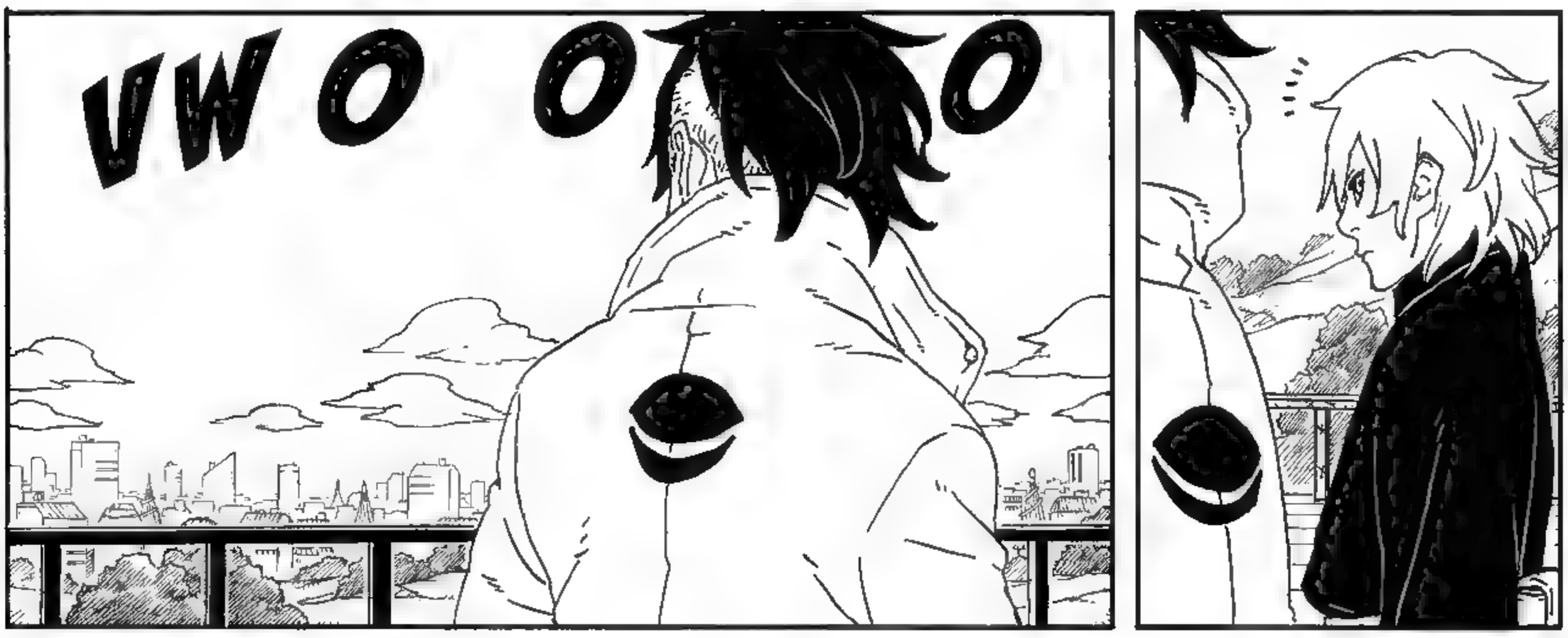
...TO MY DAD?!

...WAS AB-SORBED...

MASTER...

...BY TEN TAILS.

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BORUTO'S PRESENCE.
I FEEL IT.
HE'S HERE!
555H

YEAH.

SO IT'S MY FAULT HE GOT TAKEN DOWN.

MASTER SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO LET ME ESCAPE.

AB-SORBED?

YOU MEAN HE'S BEEN TURNED INTO A TREE?

THAT'S HOW...

...IT'S ***SUP-POSED*** TO GO.

AND THEN TO EVENTUALLY DEVOUR AN OHTSU-TSUKI...

THE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE OF TEN TAILS HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO DEVOUR CHAKRA.

OF ANY KIND. INSTINC-TUALLY.

...WHOSE CHAKRA TRANSFORMS THAT TEN TAILS INTO A DIVINE TREE.

...AND THEY BECAME TREES TOO.

A LOT OF VILLAGERS WERE ATTACKED BY CLAW GRIME...

WHY ARE THEY DEVOURING THOSE WHO AREN'T OHTSU-TSUKI?

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT ANYWAY?

FOR WHATEVER REASON...

...THEY'VE ALREADY...

...STARTED EVOLVING INTO DIVINE TREES.

...

SUP-POSED TO?

VWOOO

CON-NECTING THEM NOW.

INCOMING. MITSUKI FOR LORD EIGHTH.

LORD EIGHTH?

...

WHAT IS IT?

MITSUKI?

KAWAKI PICKED UP HIS AURA JUST NOW.

...SOME-WHERE IN THE VILLAGE.

BORUTO IS HERE...

HOLD ON, MITSUKI.

...

WHERE'S KAWAKI?

HE HAS GOT TO BE TOWARDS THE SOUTH.

COULD YOU PLEASE ASK EIDA TO PINPOINT HIS EXACT LOCATION?

SO HE CAN ERASE HIS CHAKRA SIGNATURE NOW...

...LIKE KAWAKI.

HE DIDN'T TRIP THE SENSORY NET.

...

KAWAKI ISN'T SUITED FOR PURSUING BORUTO.

HE'D BE ALERTED AS SOON AS KAWAKI GOT NEAR.

I WILL HEAD TO WHERE BORUTO IS.

REMEM-BER, BORUTO CAN DETECT KAWAKI'S AURA TOO.

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM.

PLEASE HURRY, LORD EIGHTH.

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW OR WHY, BUT...

...THERE'S A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT CODE'S CHAKRA IS AFFECTING THEM...

...VIA THE CLAW GRIME.

...THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED EVOLVING?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...

CODE?

SO IT HAVING SOME EFFECT WOULDN'T BE A SURPRISE.

WHICH IS A LUMP OF OHTSUTSUKI ESSENCE.

...BUT HE'S GOT A KARMA THAT CAME FROM ISSHIKI.

HE MAY NOT BE AN OHTSU-TSUKI...

BORUTO.

?!

...

KARMA...

LET ME SAY THIS RIGHT OFF.

THE SENSORY UNIT IS **NOT** INVOLVED AT ALL.

IT'S AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSMISSION THAT WON'T BE LOGGED.

YAMANAKA INO PERSONALLY CONNECTED US ON A PRIVATE LINE.

I'M USING MIND TRANSFER JUTSU.

TRY NOT TO CHANGE EXPRESSION EITHER.

ANSWER WITHOUT SPEAKING ALOUD.

OLD MAN SHIKAMARU?

...

HEY THERE. HELLO?

ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?

BORUTO?

...

SOME CALL ME LORD EIGHTH, BUT IT'S ONLY OUT OF CONVE-NIENCE.

I HAVEN'T FORMALLY ASSUMED THE TITLE YET.

I'M STILL ONLY INTERIM HOKAGE.

SO ARE YOU SURE...

...YOU SHOULD BE DOING THIS?

I HEAR YOU'VE BECOME HOKAGE.

?!

JUST QUIT ARGUING AND GET OUT OF THERE, TO START!

YOU'RE ABOUT TO HAVE COMPANY !!

THAT AIN'T WHAT I ASKED.

AND ON WHAT BASIS SHOULD I TRUST YOU?

FWOOO

FWIP

HISSS

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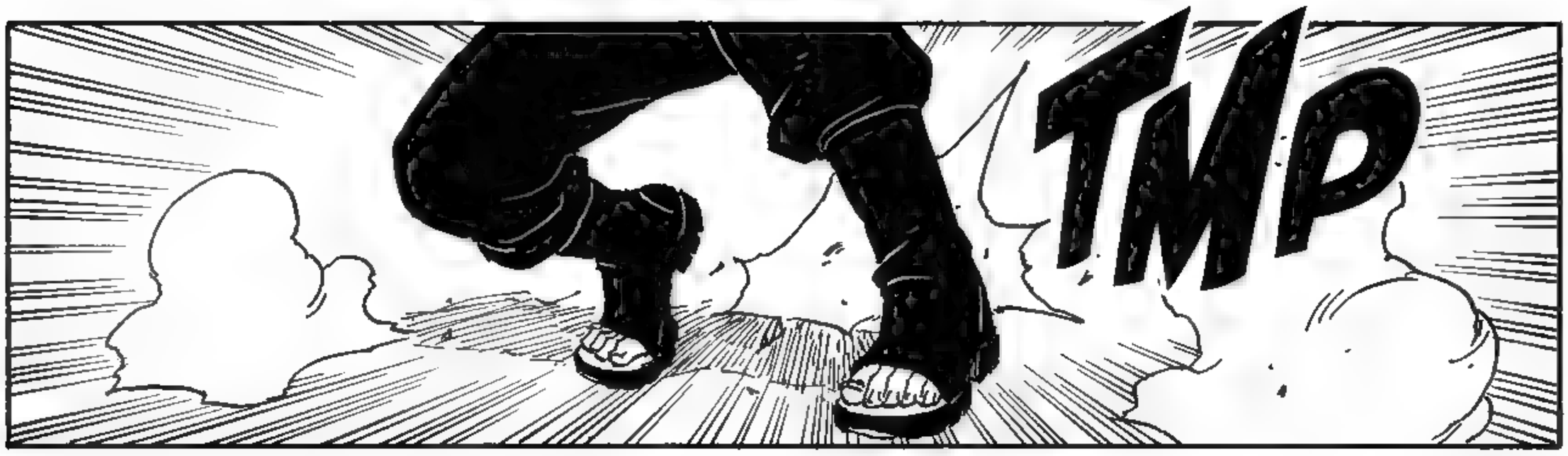
FWP

SHKEEN

FWP

SHF

FLYING RAIJIN !!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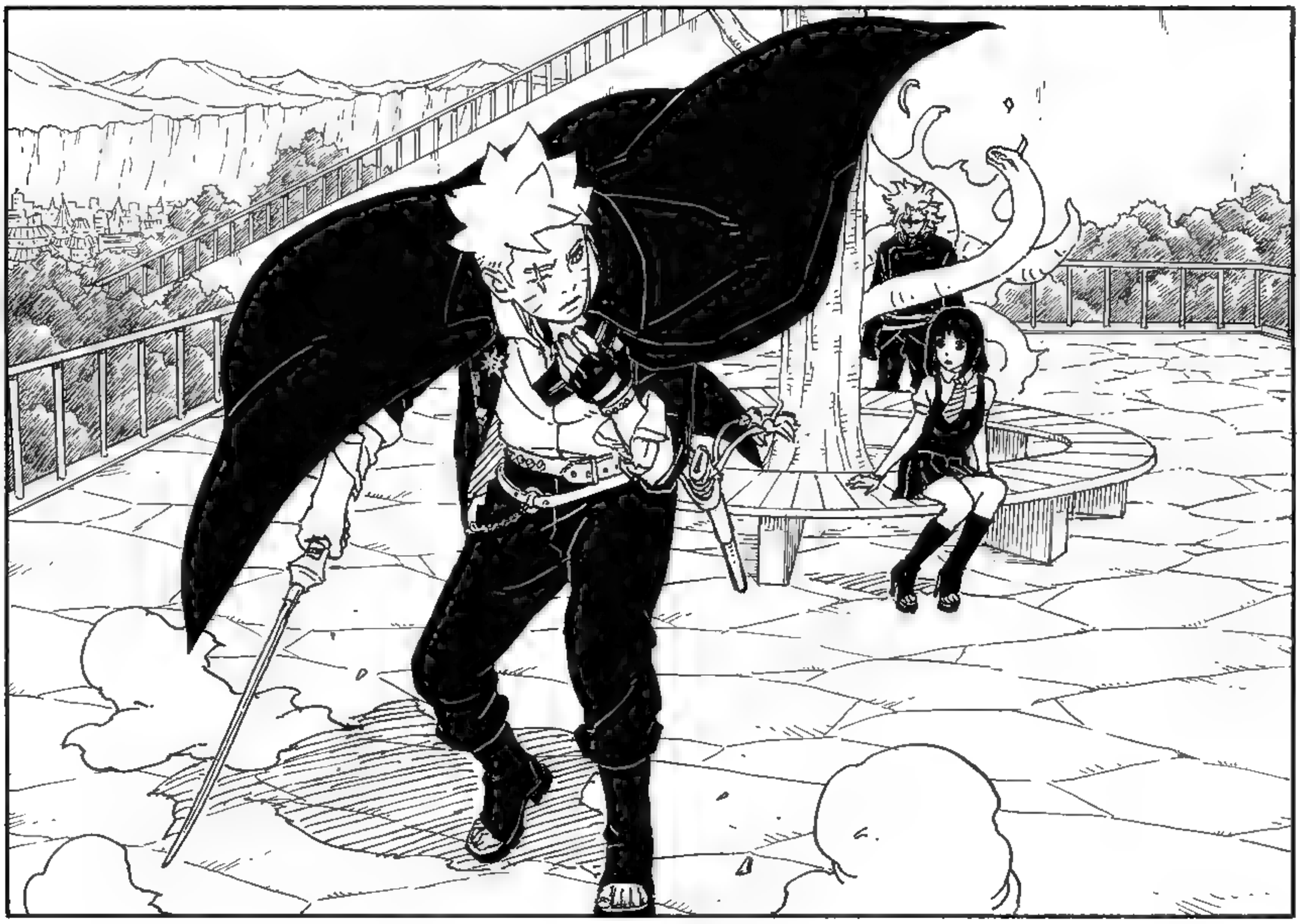


WE FINALLY MEET AGAIN, BORUTO.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT.

SNAP

MITSUKI!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT LIES HE'S FED YOU, BUT...

...MOVE ASIDE, SARADA. RIGHT NOW...

...I CAN'T CONTROL MY STRENGTH.

MITSUKI! WAIT!

LISTEN TO ME!

MITSUKI !!!

BZZ

PURPLE LIGHTNING!!

ZWSH

FWP

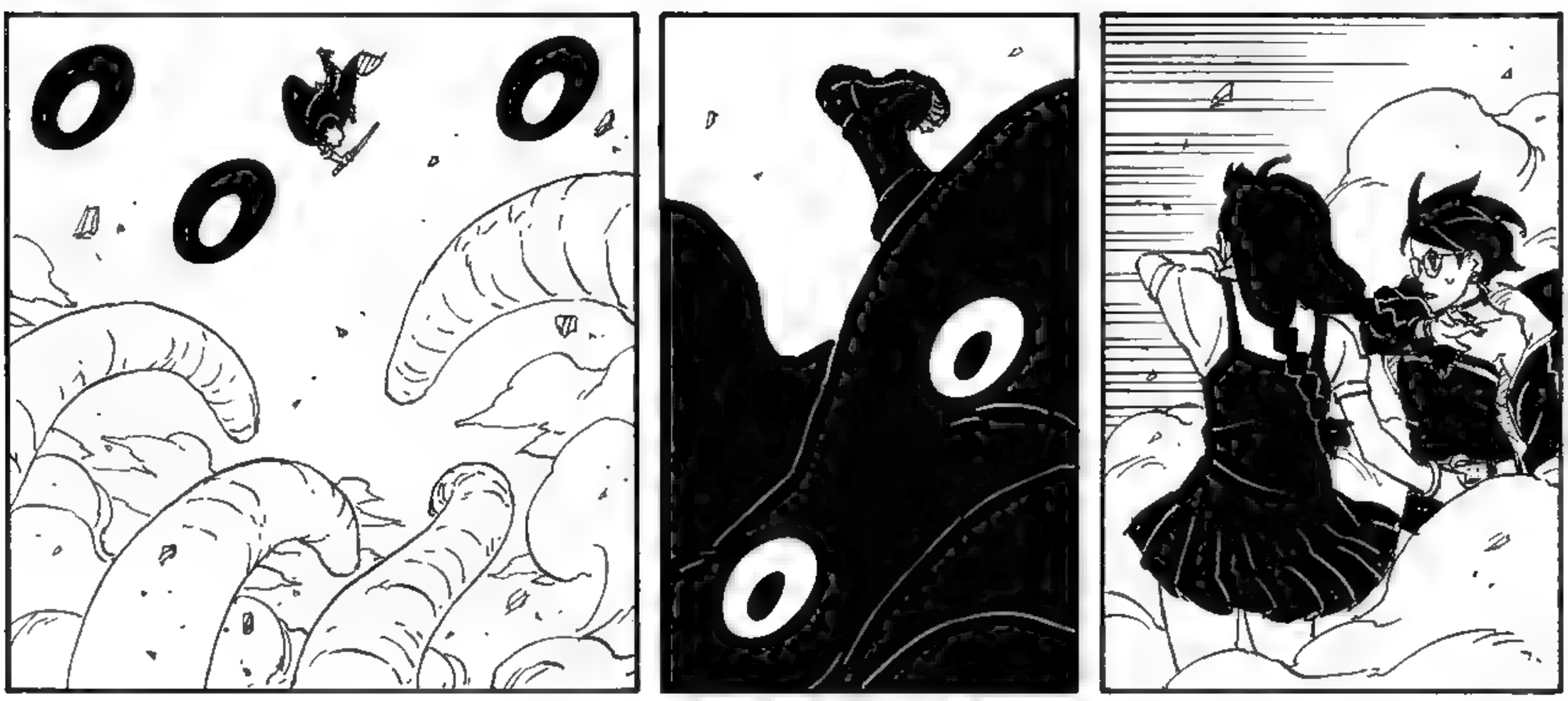
FWP

SHI

SHI

SHI

CHOMP



WOOOO

GAH!

SHANK

OHTSU-TSUKI BASTARD !!

SARADA.

I SWEAR TO RESCUE MASTER SASUKE...

...AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO WAS TURNED INTO TREES.

...

AS WELL AS...

I'LL BE BACK.

NO, NEVER MIND.

SHOOM

...

BORUTO ...

SSSH

...

SSH

IF YOU REALLY WANTED TO TALK TO ME...

...YOU COULD'VE MADE IT SO WE WOULDN'T BE INTER-RUPTED LIKE THAT.

EH, OLD MAN LORD EIGHTH?

WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU AIMING TO DO?

SAVING YOUR OWN SKIN, EH?

KONOHA IS BENT ON ELIMINATING YOU, WHATEVER THE COST.

AND IT'S NOT JUST THE VILLAGE ELDERS... THE ENTIRE LAND OF FIRE IS IN AGREEMENT.

...THERE ARE THINGS I CAN DO TO SUPPORT YOU, IN MY OWN WAY.

THERE ARE THINGS I CAN SEE AND DO SIMPLY BECAUSE I'M HOKAGE.

PLUS, I WANT **YOUR** HELP.

SO WHILE I CAN'T AID YOU OPENLY...

THUS, IT WOULD LOOK OUT OF PLACE FOR ME AS HOKAGE TO STOP MITSUKI.

...UZUMAKI BORUTO, AREN'T YOU?

YOU'RE ACTUALLY ...

NO THANKS.

...

?!

HEAR ME OUT.

...I'M STILL HAVING TROUBLE ACCEPTING THE NOTION, MYSELF.

AND I APOLOGIZE, BECAUSE THOUGH I SAY THAT...

IT'S A FAR-FETCHED THEORY...

!

IN FACT, IT DIDN'T EVEN OCCUR TO ME UNTIL AMADO BROUGHT IT UP...

...BUT THINGS START FALLING INTO PLACE.

...YOUR POSITION AND KAWAKI'S.

THINGS MAKE SENSE WHEN YOU FLIP...

...THAT MY OWN MEMORIES MIGHT BE FABRI-CATED.

...

...BORUTO.

SO TELL ME THE TRUTH...

WHAT / THE HECK?!

IS HE BEING SERIOUS?!

...

TM

TAK

HOW FAR DOES THE MIND TRANSFER JUTSU REACH?

I'VE TRAVELED QUITE A LONG WAY FROM THE VILLAGE. I SHOULD BE BEYOND KAWAKI'S RANGE NOW.

I HATE TO BREAK THIS OFF, BUT I'VE GOT...

SSH

...A LOOSE END TO TIE UP.

IN INO'S CASE, I THINK ABOUT 100 KILO-METERS AROUND THE VILLAGE.

...

WHY?

SHI

...MITSUKI!

SORRY, BUT...

...I'M GONNA HAVE TO GET A LITTLE ROUGH WITH YOU...

07: The Whereabouts of the Sun

HOVERING IN THE DARKNESS.

I AM THE MOON.

...TO CAST.

WITH NO LIGHT OF MY OWN...

WHICH IS WHY...

...I NEED YOU...

...I CAN SHINE TOO.

AND LIGHT UP THE DARKNESS...

...WITH MY LUNAR GLOW.

YOU, WHO ARE MY SUN.

FOR AS LONG AS YOU ILLUMINATE ME...

...KAWAKI...

YOU MAKE ME FEEL THAT...

YOU GIVE MY LIFE MEANING.

...TO LIVE AND BE HERE.

PERMIS-SION...

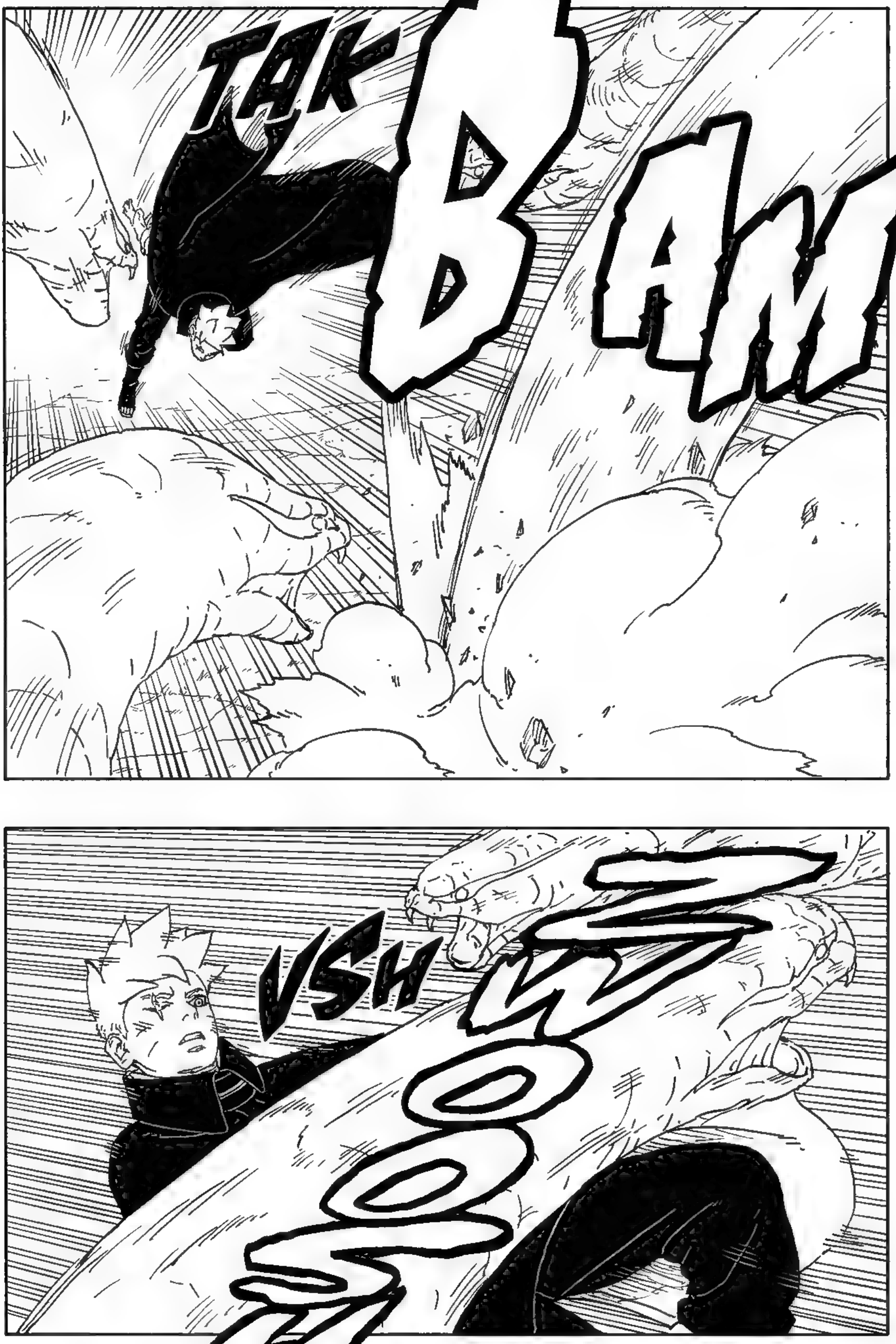
THWAP

WAP

THK-THK

FWIP

WIP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BAM
VSH
SHOO

THUD

WOW

FLIP

SHIFT

...WHEN I'M THE ONE...

WHAT DOES IT MATTER ...

...WHO'S HERE RIGHT NOW?

I WAS EXPECTING HIM TO BE TAILING ME, NOT YOU.

WHERE'S KAWAKI?

IN SHORT, MITSUKI'S GONE ROGUE.

...IS WHAT I WAS TOLD.

HE DIDN'T WANT YOU TO CATCH ON TO HIM THROUGH KAWAKI'S OHTSU-TSUKI AURA...

KAWAKI'S OUT COLD.

THANKS TO MITSUKI'S SNAKE VENOM.

I THINK I UNDER-STAND YOUR POWER LEVEL.

IT MUST BE WAY OFF THE CHARTS TO MAKE CODE RETREAT.

...KAWAKI IS NO MATCH FOR YOU RIGHT NOW.

WHICH TELLS ME...

...

THERE'S ONE OTHER REASON...

...WHY I LEFT KAWAKI BEHIND.

DON'T, MITSUKI.

IF HE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ME, NEITHER DO YOU.

SO THIS FIGHT IS POINTLESS.

I CAN'T LET HIM GET HIMSELF KILLED.

NO MATTER THE COST.

...WITHOUT DEFERRING TO HIM.

SO I CAN LET LOOSE COMPLETELY ...

...DO YOU MEAN?

WHAT...

...

...BETWEEN ME AND HIM.
THAT'S...

BOOF
BOOF
BOOF
DWRK

CHAPTER 10

SNAKE CLONES?

SLAM

MORE IS NOT NECES-SARILY BETTER, YOU KNOW.

YOU'RE DESTROY-ING THE ENVIRON-MENT.

BAM DUNK

BAM

DOOM

THOOM

YOU'RE THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM.

SO JUST DIE ALREADY.

FOR THE SAKE OF THIS WORLD.

WHR!

WHICH IS WHY...

I MAY BE TO BLAME, FOR SURE...

I HAVE A TON OF THINGS TO DO.

...BUT I CAN'T DIE YET.

...I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY AROUND.

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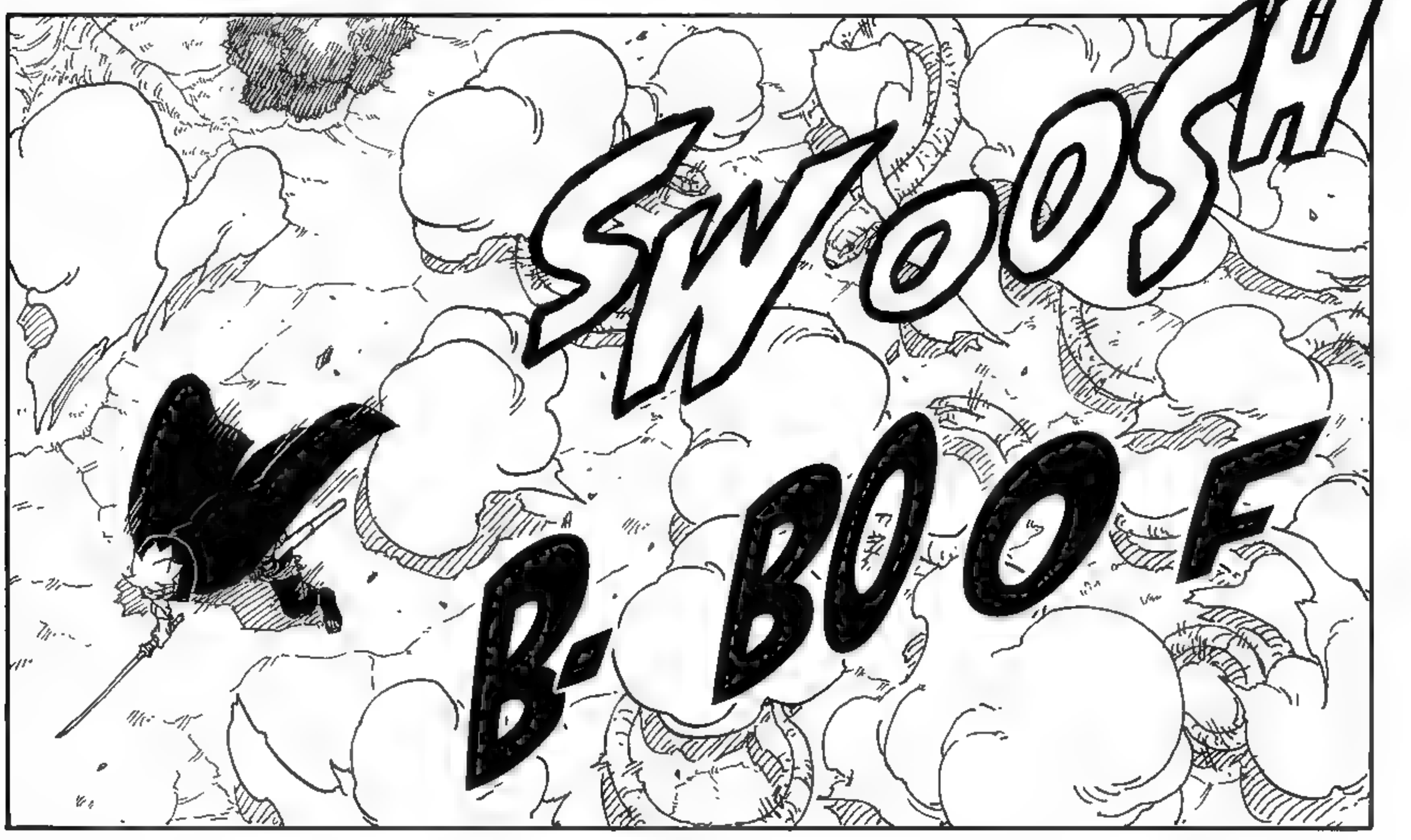
UGH--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B-BOOF

FWP-FWP

SHK

SO FAST...

GAH ...

FWP-FWP

WHAT A MONSTER!!

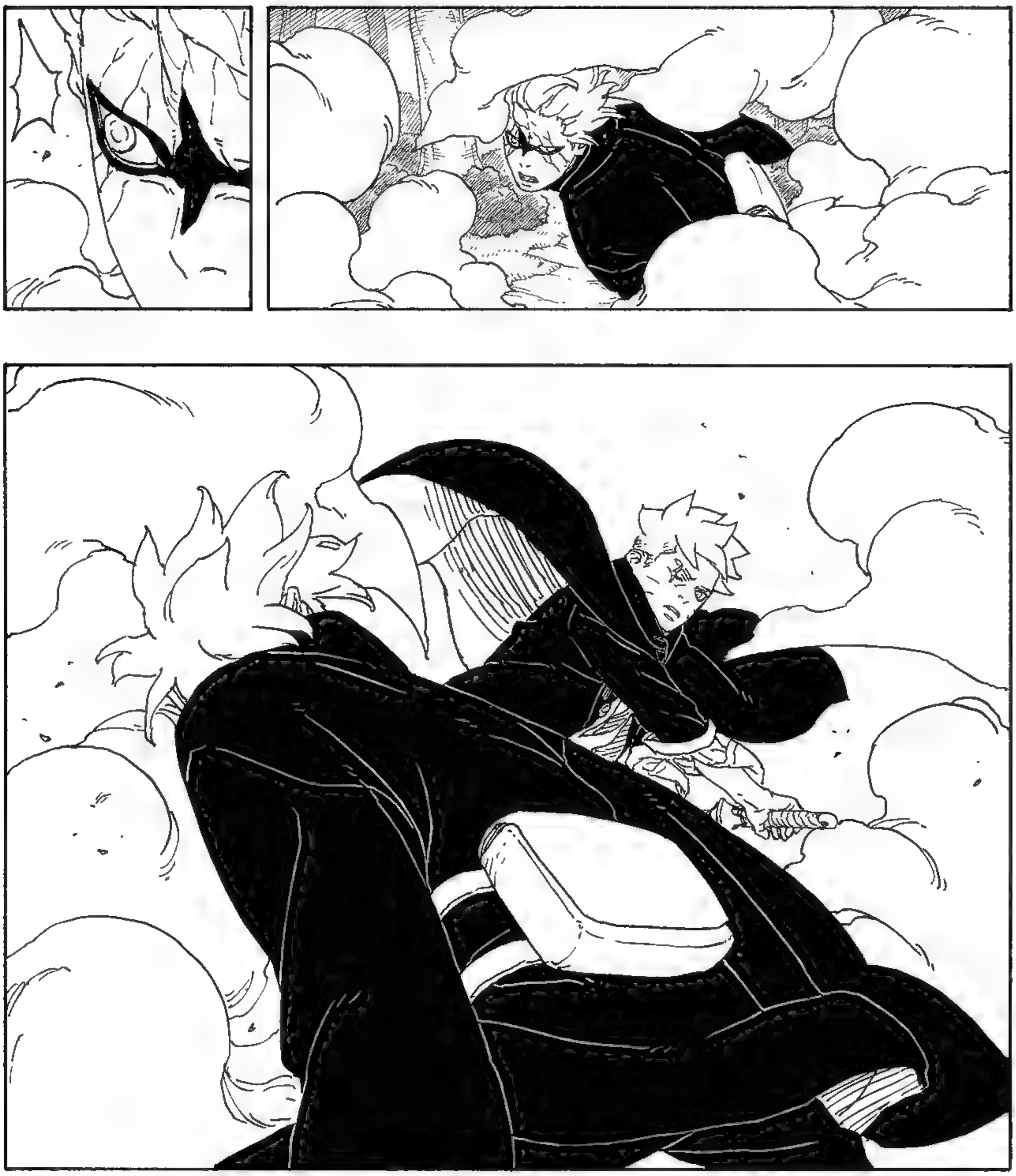
A BIRD

SNAKE LIGHTNING!!!

BZZZP

THUNDERBOLT!!!

BOOM



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GO AHEAD. GET IT OVER WITH.

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WHAT YOU BELIEVE, OR RATHER...

...WHAT...

IT'S CUZ YOUR FAITH HAS BEEN SHAKEN.

...YOU CAN NO LONGER TRUST.

...YOU *WANT TO* BELIEVE IN...

...

WHAT?

...IT'S THAT YOU'VE LOST HOPE.

YOU THINK YOU CAME PREPARED TO DIE...

...WHEN IN FACT...

YOU'RE FEELING DESPER-ATE.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

...

...

KAWAKI.

THE SUN THAT HAD BEEN ILLUMI-NATING YOU...

...LOST ITS RADIANCE AT SOME POINT.

ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU FEEL?

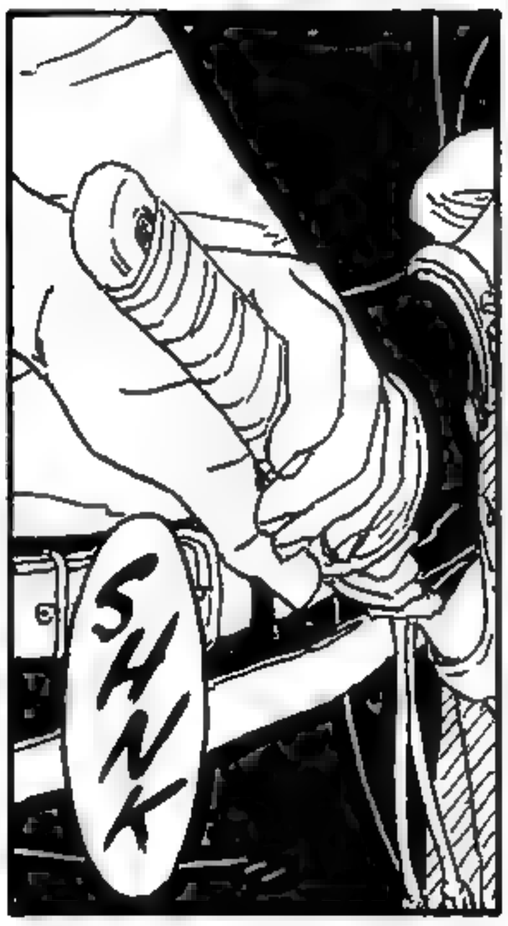
INO, COULD YOU PICK UP MITSUKI'S VOICE TOO?

I WANT TO HEAR THE FULL CONVER-SATION.

IT'S WAY TOO RISKY!!

THAT WOULD OPEN UP OUR CONVER-SATION TO THEM AS WELL!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!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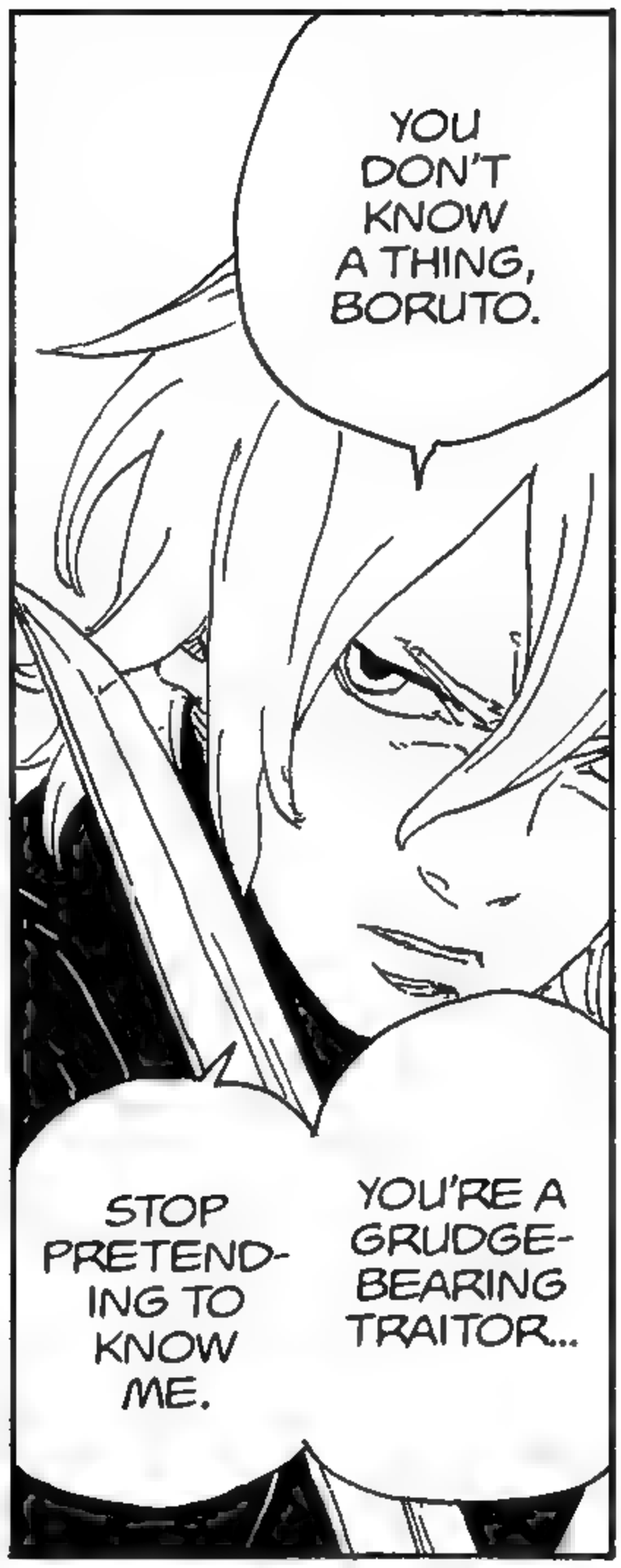
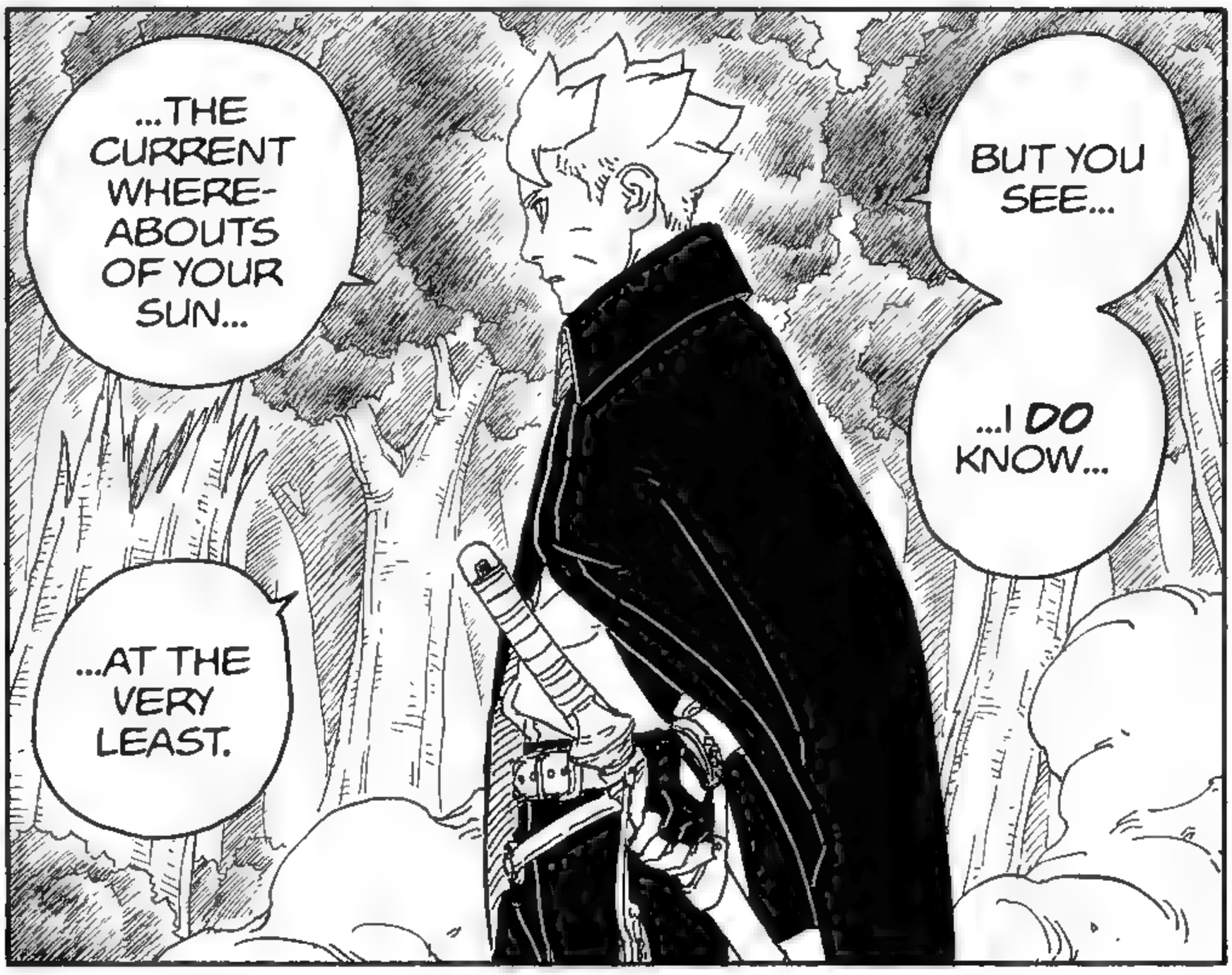

YOU DON'T KNOW A THING, BORUTO.
STOP PRETEND-ING TO KNOW ME.
YOU'RE A GRUDGE-BEARING TRAITOR...

...
WHAT?


...THE CURRENT WHERE-ABOUTS OF YOUR SUN...
...AT THE VERY LEAST.
BUT YOU SEE...
...I DO KNOW...

I'M YOUR SUN.

IT'S THAT SIMPLE.

HISSS

...

GWRL

YOU HAVE SOME NERVE.

HOW DARE YOU!

YOU'RE MY SUN?

...

WHY HAVEN'T YOU GOTTEN LOOSE?

YOU COULD'VE A FEW DIFFERENT WAYS.

AND YET...

...WHY HASN'T THIS SNAKE...

...ATTACKED ME YET?

...THAT HE'S NOT IT.

I BET...

...YOU REALIZED QUITE A WHILE BACK...

THAT KAWAKI'S NOT YOUR SUN.

IT CAN'T BE...

THAT'S NOT POS-SIBLE.

...

...YOU STICK TO HIM...

NO MATTER HOW CLOSE...

...HE REFUSES TO ILLU-MINATE YOU.

YET YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE.

IT'S NATURAL TO FEEL CONFUSED.

FOR YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE...

...

...WHAT IT TAKES TO BE YOUR SUN.

...WHO GETS TO DECIDE...

...

SSSH

WHO THE HELL...

DON'T WORRY.

THAT'S A MISUNDER-STANDING.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF KILLING KAWAKI.

...ARE YOU?

BUT THAT'S BETWEEN US BROS.

JUST THE TWO OF US.

SHUP

THOUGH I DO NEED TO SETTLE THINGS WITH HIM...

...AT SOME POINT.

...

WHY...

...DID YOU KILL LORD SEVENTH?

!

?!

LORD SEVENTH IS ALIVE.

AND SAFE.

...

MY MO--

HIS WIFE TOO.

THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY RIGHT NOW.

BORUTO ...

WHAT ARE...

MITSUKI, I BELIEVE...

...YOU'RE PERFECTLY CAPABLE...

...OF SHINING ON YOUR OWN.

BUT IF YOU INSIST...

...ON NEEDING A SUN...

COME FIND ME.

ANYTIME.

NARUTO'S...

...ALIVE?!

WHAT THE HECK?!

WMP

...

WE NEED TO TALK.

GET YOURSELF ALONE, BORUTO.

VWOOO

?!

KAWAKI ?!

...

WHERE THE HELL...

...IS THAT BASTARD MITSUKI?

...OUR MEMORIES HAVE ALL BEEN RE-WRITTEN...

...TO REFLECT WHAT KAWAKI DESIRES?

SO IN SUMMARY, THANKS TO...

...EIDA'S SHINJITSU OMNIPO-TENCE...

UWOOO

WHAT ?!

SARADA AND CLASS REP HAVE...

...ALREADY TOLD YOU NUMEROUS TIMES.

IN FACT...

...THIS IS FAR FROM THE FIRST TIME YOU'RE HEARING ABOUT IT.

YEAH.

JUST SO YOU KNOW...

...DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW OMNIPOTENCE ACTUALLY WORKS.

YOU'LL SOON FORGET IT ANY-WAY.

SO I NEED YOU TO TRUST THAT KAWAKI AND I...

...SWITCHED PLACES...

...WITH-OUT ANY PROOF.

THE VERY CONCEPT OF OMNIPO-TENCE WON'T STICK IN YOUR MEMORY.

EVER.

THAT'S PART OF ITS POWER.

IT FADES AWAY OVER TIME.

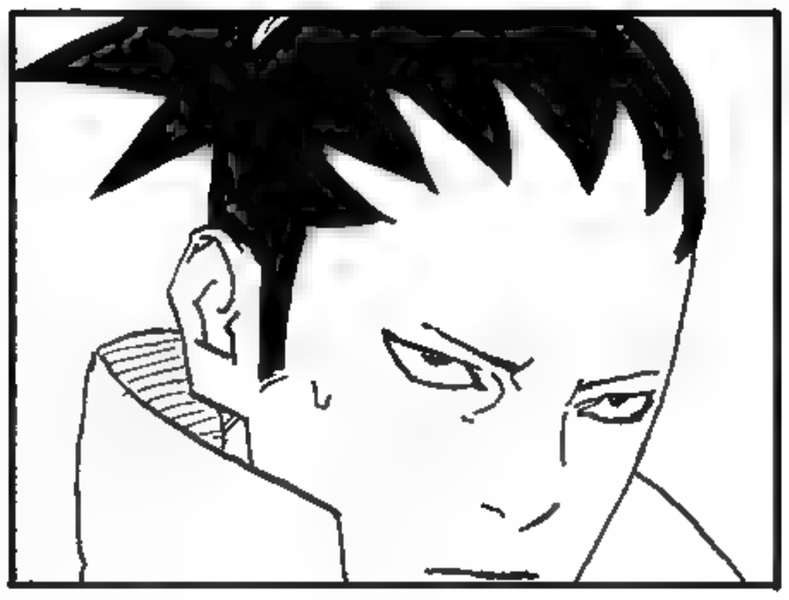
...

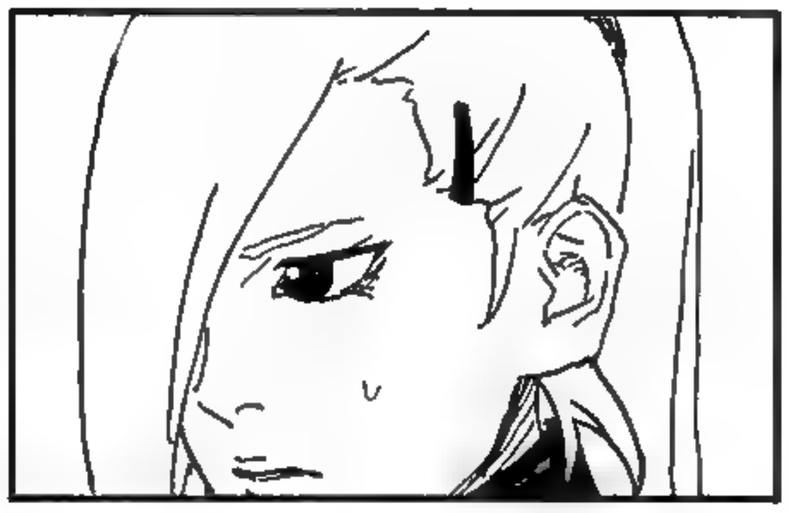
NO WAY...

IT'S DAMN IMPRES-SIVE.

THOUGH YOU DID FIGURE IT OUT ON YOUR OWN.

THAT'S NO MEAN FEAT.





THOSE ALTERED MEMORIES ARE ALL REAL TO YOU.

WE CAN'T.

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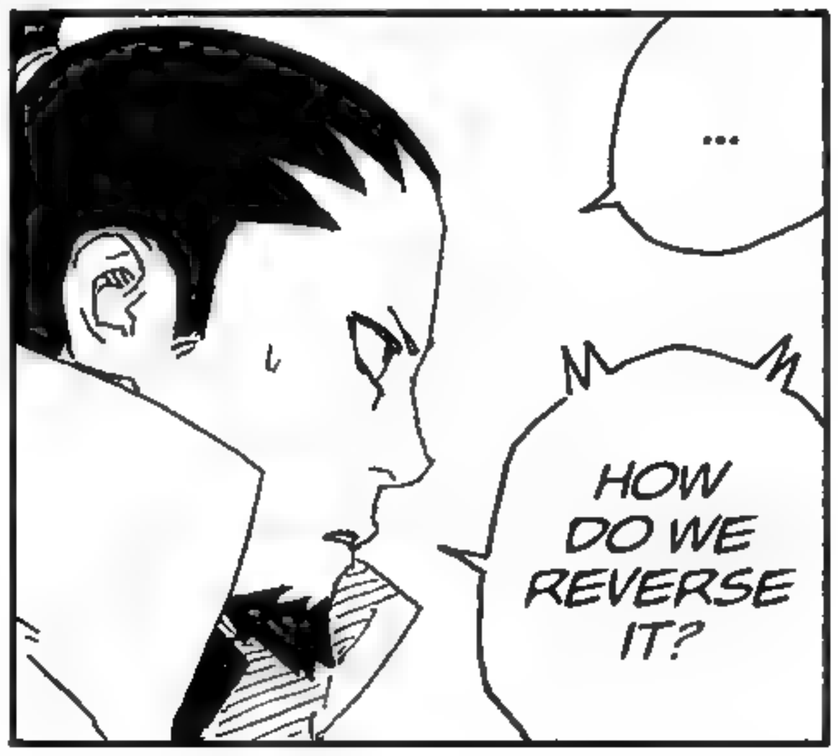

HOW DO WE REVERSE IT?

...

...IT WOULDN'T RESOLVE THE ISSUES BETWEEN ME AND HIM.

...EVEN IF WE COULD...

BESIDES ...

...

...HE'S JUST BOUND TO DO IT AGAIN.

OTHER-WISE...

KAWAKI SEALED DAD AWAY...

...IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIM.

...

IF I WERE YOU, I'D BE THINKING ABOUT...

...AND KILLING KAWAKI.

...RESCU-ING NARUTO...

SO THERE'S NO POINT UNLESS HE'S SATISFIED AND UNDOES IT HIMSELF.

...AND THEN MAKE UP.

I JUST WANNA SLUG HIM...

THAT'S ALL.

HE MAY WANT TO KILL ME...

...BUT I DON'T FEEL THE SAME.

ALL RIGHT. I HEAR YOU.

...

...

...YOU NEED TO UNDER-STAND...

...THAT YOU'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE TAKING FALSE BLAME REGARDING NARUTO.

BUT, BORUTO...

IF YOU HAVE NO INTENT TO KILL KAWAKI...

SO YOU'LL NEED TO STAY A FUGITIVE.

YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

WHICH MEANS...

...NOT EXPOSING WHAT HE DID QUITE YET.

SEEING AS OMNIPO-TENCE'S EFFECT LIES WITH KAWAKI, I'D LIKE TO AVOID...

...MAKING HIM FEEL CORNERED AGAIN.

I WASN'T EXPECTING OTHERWISE.

VWOOO

...

YEAH, THAT'S FINE.

...THE MORE QUESTIONS ARISE.

THE MORE KNOWLEDGE I ACQUIRE...

AND THE MORE THINGS I DON'T KNOW.

IT'S CURIOUS...

...THIS WORLD.

IT'S FASCINATING.

...MY IGNORANCE.

IF ANYTHING, THE KNOWLEDGE REVEALS...

...SEEM TO HOLD THE ANSWERS TO MY QUESTIONS...

...THAT NONE OF THE BOOKS HERE...

PFFT

...IT'S BEEN GRADUALLY OCCURRING TO ME...

BY THE WAY...

...TO UZUMAKI NARUTO.

SO LET'S PAY A VISIT...

8: It Doesn't Matter

COME FIND ME.

ANY-TIME.

I'M YOUR SUN.

IT'S THAT SIMPLE.

THAT'S, LIKE, TOO COOL.

STOP IT.

OH GOSH...

QUIT STANDING AROUND.

...BEFORE THAT BASTARD BORUTO GETS AWAY.

HURRY UP AND TRACK MITSUKI DOWN...

HEY.

I NEED A MINUTE...

HOLD ON...

!

...

WHAT'S WITH YOUR RUDE ATTITUDE TOWARDS DEAR EIDA?

YOU'RE PISSING ME OFF!

HEY, KAWAKI...

GO AHEAD. BE MAD.

I DON'T CARE HOW YOU FEEL.

TAK

IN THE FOREST 20-PLUS KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE GREAT GATE.

FOUND HIM.

HE'S MINE!

LET'S GO, DELTA.

THANK YOU, DELTA.

WATCH OVER KAWAKI.

BE CARE-FUL...

I'LL YELL AT HIM REAL GOOD FOR YOU, OKAY?!

I'M HEADING OUT, DEAR EIDA.

SCUM-BAG.

TAK

ZOT

...

...

...I'LL GO AWAY ON MY OWN.

ONCE I'VE COMPLETED MY GOALS...

VWOOO

THE MOMENT DEAR EIDA TIRES OF YOU...

...I'M GONNA KILL YOU.

ZWSH

TMP.

TMP TMP

...THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED EVOLVING INTO DIVINE TREES TOO?!

SO NOT ONLY ARE THEY SELF-AWARE...

...AND BEAR CHAKRA FRUIT.

WE'RE NOT THERE YET.

THEN THE PLANET WILL DIE.

BUT IF KAWAKI OR I ARE DEVOURED ...

...THEY'LL FINISH EVOLVING...

DIVINE TREES SUCK UP ALL LIFE ON A PLANET, RIGHT?

YOU'VE GOTTA BE JOKING...

SO THIS PLANET'S DOOMED?

IT'S HAPPENED TO OTHERS, REGARDLESS OF AGE OR GENDER.

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

SPEAKING OF DIVINE TREES...

TEAM TEN'S KAZAMATSURI MOEGI BECAME A TREE AFTER A CLAW GRIME ATE HER

...

...

...

IT'S WHY THEY'RE STILL ALIVE.

THE TEN TAILS ARE USING THEIR CHAKRA.

BORUTO.

...DO YOU ACTUALLY KNOW?

HOW MUCH...

FOR WHAT PURPOSE, I'M NOT SURE YET.

SHALL I CONNECT YOU?

INCOMING MESSAGE FROM KAWAKI, LORD EIGHTH.

ANY WORRIES **THIS** CONVO WILL BE OVER-HEARD?

INO, I HAVE ANOTHER TRANS-MISSION VIA THE SENSORY UNIT.

...

GIMME A SEC.

YOU'LL BE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HEAR BOTH OF THEM.

SO IT'S FINE.

EVERY TRANS-MISSION IS INDIVIDUAL AND SEPARATE.

VWOOO

SHIKA-MARU HERE.

WHAT IS IT?

APOLO-GIES, SENSORY UNIT.

PATCH HIM THROUGH.

YESSIR.

HE'S SOUTH OF THE VILLAGE, NOT TOO FAR.

I'M HEADED THERE NOW.

EIDA'S PINPOINTED BORUTO'S LOCATION.

DELTA WILL RUSH ATTACK FIRST FROM ABOVE.

WHO CARES?

I'LL THEN FOLLOW, AND WE'LL PINCH HIM.

WHAT COULD HE BE DOING THERE?

...

THE SOUTHERN WOOD-LANDS...

I DON'T HAVE THAT LUXURY, MISTER SHIKA.

YOU WANT HIM TO GET AWAY?

CALM DOWN, KAWAKI. DON'T BE RASH.

WAIT FOR BACKUP.

REMEM-BER, HE'S GOTTEN STRONGER.

...

SHF

LATER, LORD EIGHTH.

FSH

I'LL BE IN TOUCH.

...

HEY!

AREN'T WE ALMOST THERE?

VWOOO

GAH!

DON'T STOP SO SUDDENLY!

...

...

THAT'S WEIRD.

I DON'T SENSE HIM.

HE VANISHED ***BEFORE*** HE PERCEIVED ME.

NO...

I HAVEN'T FELT HIS AURA ONCE, SO IT'S GOTTA BE THE SAME FOR HIM.

MAYBE HE SENSED ***YOU*** COMING?

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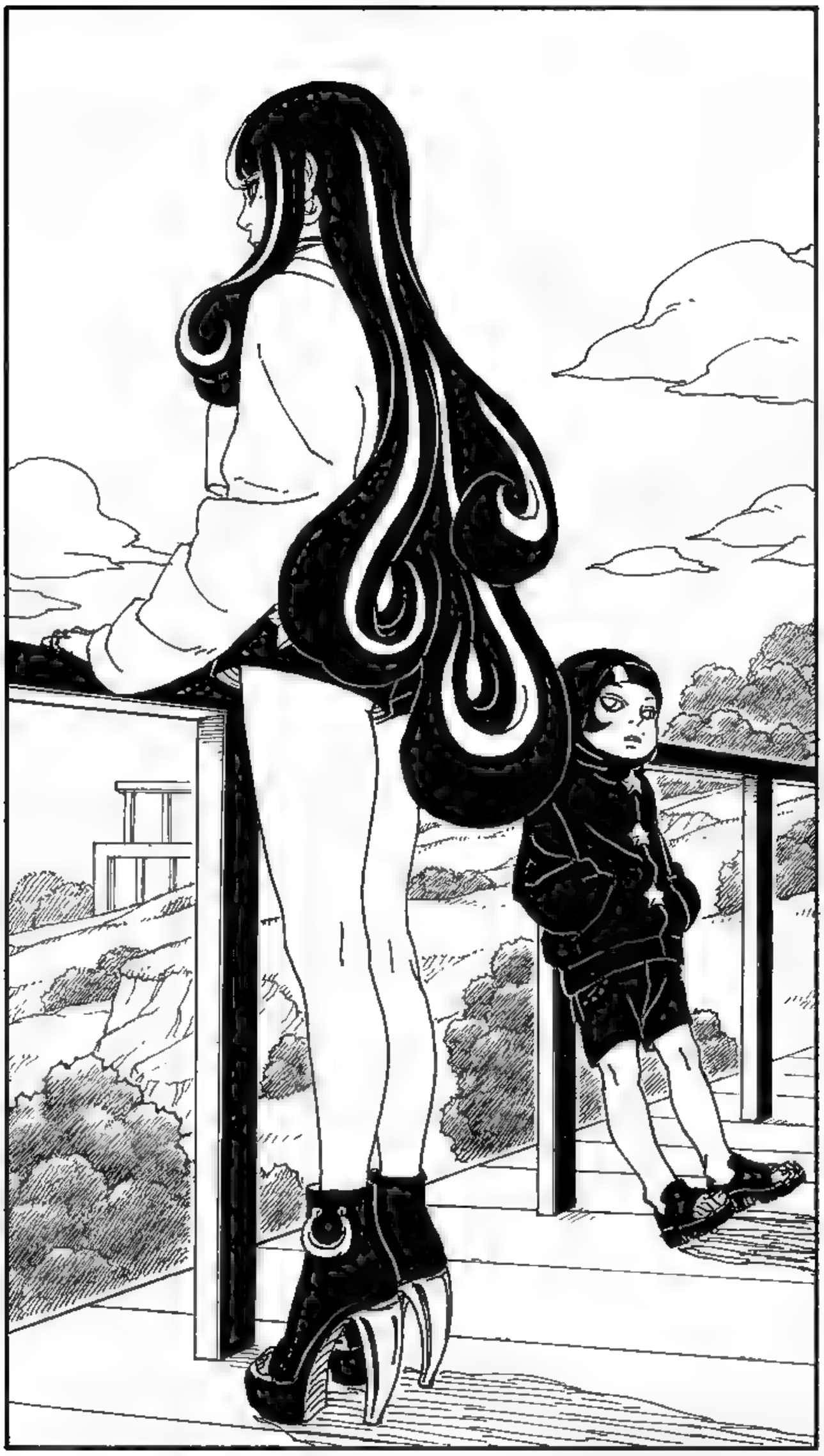
VWOOO

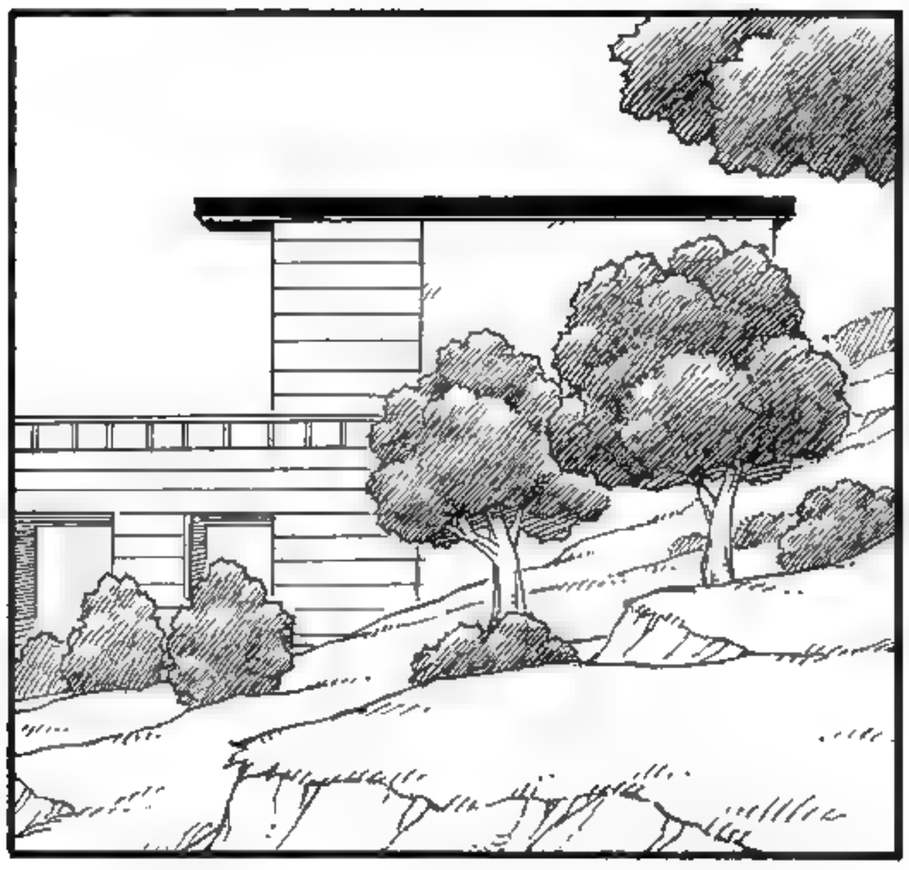
...

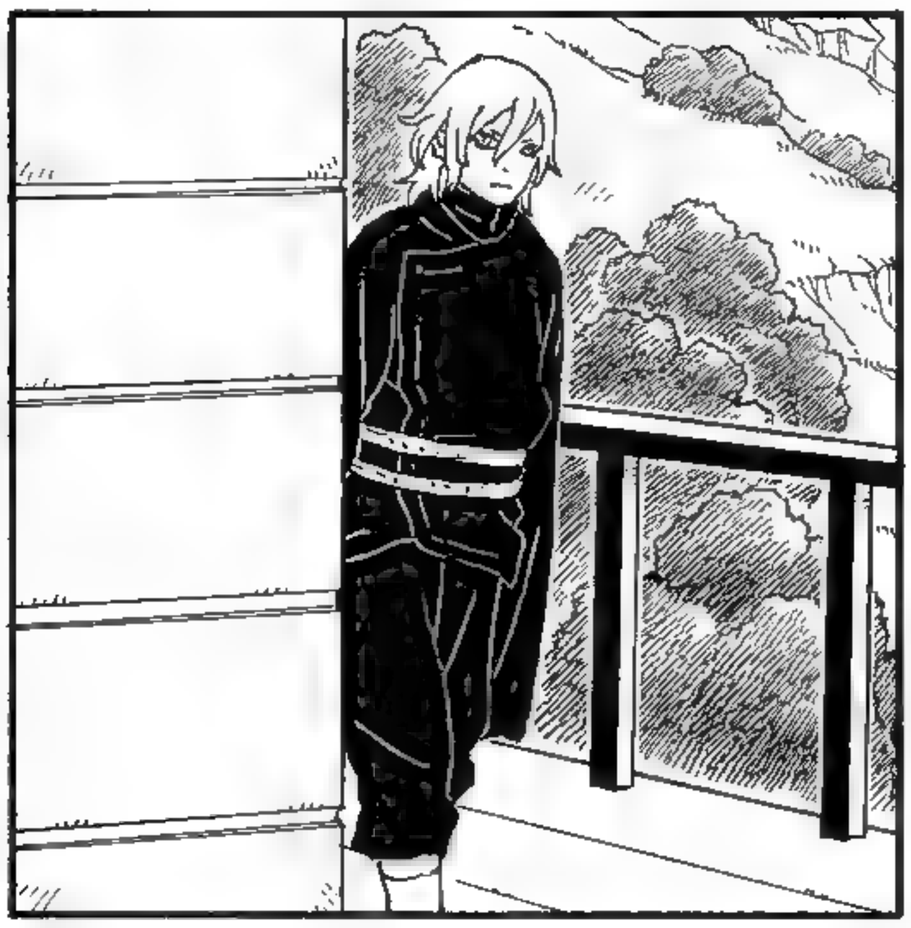
YEAH?

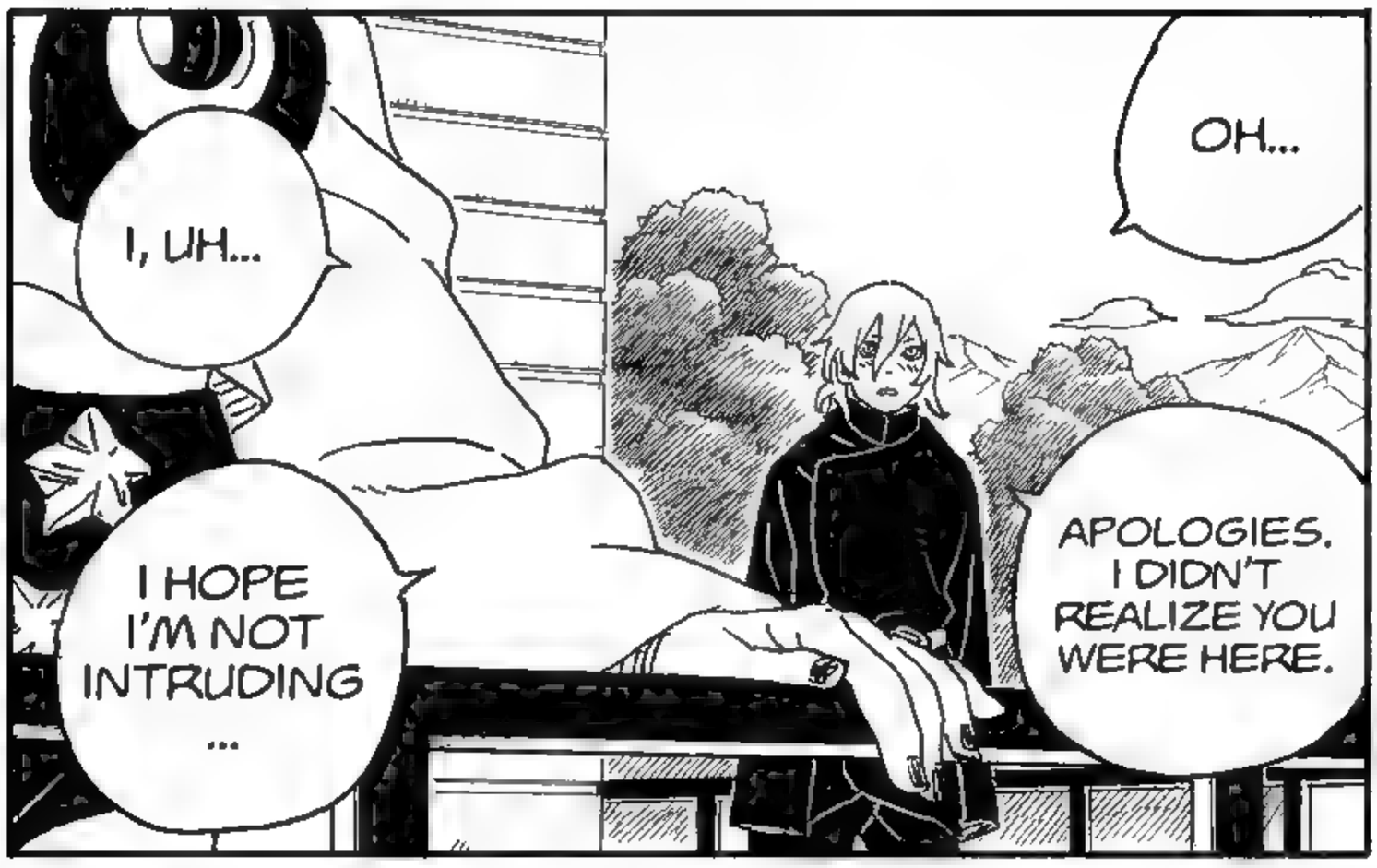
...

HOW UNLUCKY FOR YOU.





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I HOPE I'M NOT INTRUDING ...
OH...
APOLOGIES. I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE HERE.

WAS HE...

...MAD?

...A TOTAL SUR-PRISE.

THAT YOU'D DO SUCH A THING TO KAWAKI WAS...

...

...IT'S A WASTE OF TIME TO BERATE ME.

...

I GUESS HE FEELS...

HE TOLD ME TO FIND YOU, BUT...

...IT WAS SIMPLY TO LOCATE BORUTO.

HARD TO SAY.

HE FLEW OFF AS SOON AS I DID.

SAYING THAT...

...DOESN'T MAKE YOU SAD?

THAT ITSELF DOESN'T MATTER TO ME.

NOT REALLY.

...FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW...

...

THAT'S WHAT I'VE FELT...

RATHER, I'M THANK-ING YOU.

NO. I KNOW IT'S FALSE, A RESULT OF YOUR ABILITY.

...

ARE YOU HITTING ON ME?

EIDA.

...GONE THROUGH LIFE WITH-OUT EVER EXPERIENC-ING THIS SPLENDID EMOTION.

IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, I MAY HAVE...

THAT'D BE A WASTE OF ***YOUR*** TIME.

...NEVER KNOWN THE EMOTION "LOVE."

UP UNTIL I MET YOU, I'D...

I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND WHO I EVEN AM.

I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE I'M AN ARTI-FICIAL PERSON CREATED FROM SCRATCH...

IT'S NOT JUST LOVE...

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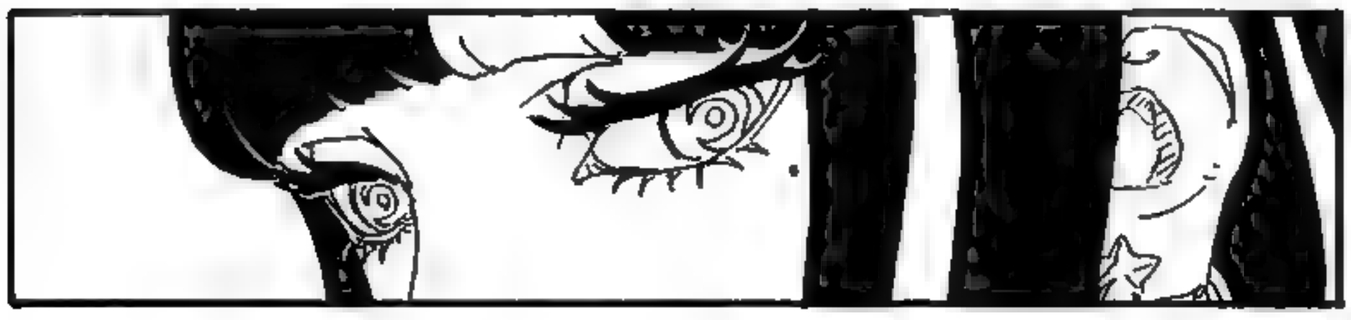


AND YET I DIDN'T THINK IT MAT-TERED...

...INCLUD-ING MYSELF.

YOU COULD EVEN SAY THAT MOST THINGS...

...DIDN'T MATTER TO ME...

...CONTIN-UOUSLY ILLUMI-NATED ME.

...AS LONG AS I HAD A SUN WHO...

...

...I WAS WRONG.

BUT...

...WHAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS...

...I'LL LOSE SIGHT OF WHO MY SUN IS...

...BEFORE I'M EVEN AWARE OF IT.

BE-CAUSE...

...IF I DON'T BOTHER...

YEAH.

...TO GIVE *MYSELF* AFFIRMATION FIRST...

...

THIS MIGHT BE...

...A BIT PRESUMP-TUOUS OF ME, BUT...

AND BORUTO MADE YOU REALIZE THIS.

THAT'S GREAT!

...I THINK WE ARE SIMILAR.

BUT THAT'S WHAT LOVE IS.

IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER ***WHY*** IT HAPPENS.

YOUR CHEST TIGHTENS JUST THINKING ABOUT HIM.

I DON'T KNOW WHY...

...I LOVE KAWAKI.

...
YEAH.
YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT.
...TO EXPERIENCE FALSE LOVE.
YOU SIMPLY CAN'T COMPREHEND THAT...
...BECAUSE MY ABILITY CAUSED YOU...
WHEN I REALIZED...
...I THEN FEARED LOSING IT.
...THAT WHO I THOUGHT OF AS MY SUN MAY NOT BE SO...
IT'S JUST...
...I WAS SCARED.
THAT I'M A FOOLISH GIRL...
...WHO'S IN LOVE WITH BEING IN LOVE?
...
YOU'RE SAYING I'M THE SAME?
...THAT SUN WAS THE REAL THING.
SO I STOPPED THINKING...
...ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT...

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LOVE RIGHT NOW.

TALK ABOUT DRAMA.

I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT.

...I WAS BEING PRESUMP-TUOUS.

SORRY. I GUESS...

...CAN I BE BLUNT WITH YOU?

MAYBE, BUT...

WELL...

I SUP-POSE IT DOESN'T MATTER.

...

...

WHA...?

...

I'M YOUR SUN.

I THINK I WANNA HAVE A LONG TALK...

...WITH BORUTO.

IT'S THAT SIMPLE.

TMP TMP TMP

IT SHOULD BE TIME.

...

PLOP

ZW

FSH

ZWW

TMP TMP TMP

YES. THIS IS GOOD.

COME, HIDARI.

ZWWP

TMP

ZWP

TMP

WOOOOO

...WHAT BORUTO SAID...

...SHIKA-MARU?

DO YOU BELIEVE...

...SO HARD TO BELIEV--

I KNOW! IT'S JUST...

...BUT AS I TOLD YOU EARLIER, THIS IS TOP SECRET.

I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY...

DON'T DISCLOSE THIS TO **ANYONE** ELSE, NO MATTER YOUR OWN PERSONAL OPINION.

LORD EIGHTH!

TRES-PASSERS !!

ONE IS UNKNOWN!

TWO, NEAR THE GREAT GATE!

THE OTHER...

CHECKING CHAKRA SIGNA-TURES...

...IS A MATCH!

IT'S UCHIHA SASUKE!!

DAD?!

?!

BUT...

...I CAN *TELL.*

I DON'T KNOW HIS LOCATION.

SO WHERE IS HE?

UZUMAKI NARUTO?

HALT!!

LISTEN UP. IF YOU MOVE EVEN AN INCH, WE'LL DEEM YOU FOES.

WHY ARE YOU TRES-PASSING?!

YOU THERE, ARE YOU UCHIHA SASUKE?

IT'S ABOUT THOSE TRES-PASSERS.

I'LL GET IN TOUCH LATER.

EIDA! SORRY, BUT I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW.

FOLLOW PROTOCOL. EVACUATING CIVILIANS IS THE TOP PRIORITY!

I APOLO-GIZE FOR NOT REPORT-ING IT SOONER.

I "SAW" THEM A LITTLE WHILE EARLIER.

!

SHIKA, DEAR?

...THAT THEY'RE ENEMIES OF KONOHA.

SO IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING...

THEY'RE TEN TAILS.

I DUNNO HOW, BUT THEY'RE SELF-AWARE.

こしょ古書

A RARE BOOKS SHOP.

LOOK AT THIS...

...HIDARI.

WHAT AMUSES ME...

...IS YOU ASKING THAT WITH A STRAIGHT FACE.

THIS UN-EXPECTED ENCOUNTER LOOKS PROMISING.

HOW MAGNIFI-CENT.

UZUMAKI NARUTO?

SO HE'S HERE?

TK

TK

WHAM

TMP

ZSH

DO NOT FIGHT IN FRONT OF THE SHOP.

WHO ARE YOU?

...KAWAKI.

YOU'LL DAMAGE THE TREASURE TROVE...

WHY'D YOU COME TO KONOHA?

CRACK

TA-K

!

UGH!

SUKUNA-
HIKONA!!

KRAK

CHEEK

I AM

I WON'T KILL YOU YET.

SO BE STILL, OHTSU-TSUKI.

!!

WHAT?!

KA-RAK

UGH ...

SWOOSH

KOFF !!

SLAM

HMM?

.....

THERE YOU ARE...

SMIRK

...UZUMAKI NARUTO.

茶

KAWAKI !

TAK

HE'S HERE.

CLOSE BY.

HIDARI.

HEY!

KAWAKI !!

WAKE UP!

ARE YOU SURE?

...

HE'S A JINCHURIKI WHO BEARS A BIJU.

...THE BIJU CHAKRA DWELLING INSIDE HIM.

AS AN INCARNATION OF A FELLOW BIJU, I CAN SENSE...

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

...THAT'S COME TO KONOHA?!

WHO IS IT...

MASTER...

...BY TEN TAILS.

...WAS ABSORBED...

THE CHAKRA IS A MATCH!

IT'S UCHIHA SASUKE!!

TAK TAK TAK

DON'T WORRY, HIMAWARI!

I'LL PROTECT YOU!

HE'S HELPING BORUTO, WHICH MAKES HIM JUST AS MUCH OF A TRAITOR!

LISTEN UP. EVEN IF IT ***IS*** MASTER SASUKE, DON'T HESITATE TO STRIKE.

TMP

ZSH

FWA

?!

...

?

WHICH ONE IS HE?

...

UZUMAKI NARUTO?

...IS GOING ON HERE?

...

WHAT IN THE WORLD ...

THIS IS ODD.

ROAD TO TWO BLUE VORTEX

Let's review the events of part one!

The Ohtsutsuki Clan's Goals and Powers

One who evolved into a god-like being

Ohtsutsuki Shibai

He became a god as a result of repeatedly undergoing Karmic resurrection and eating chakra fruit. Only his remains exist in present times.

Invaders from another planet

The Ohtsutsuki Clan

Aliens who continuously raid planets with the sole purpose of devouring all life on each of them. The Ohtsutsuki Clan is a species that evolves by consuming the chakra fruit that forms from the absorption of all of a planet's life.

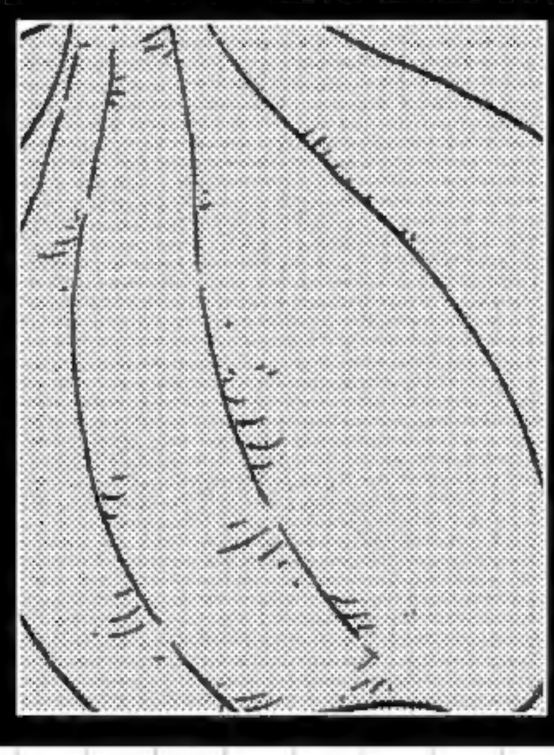
How a chakra fruit forms

Step 1

Feeding a living Ohtsutsuki to Ten Tails causes it to become a Divine Tree and put down roots.

Step 2

The Divine Tree's roots demolish the planet and absorb chakra from all life on it.



Step 3

The chakra fruit, a mass of colossal energy and genetic information, forms.

Waiting to resurrect inside Boruto's body

Ohtsutsuki Momoshiki

He initially was waiting for Boruto's Karma to complete extraction so that he could resurrect himself, but ended up using all of his remaining compressed data to repair Boruto's body when it got damaged. Thanks to that, Boruto can no longer be turned into Momoshiki's vessel, and thus, resurrection is no longer possible.

An Ohtsutsuki who has been hiding in the ninja world since the distant past

Ohtsutsuki Isshiki

He had invaded together with Kaguya, whom Naruto and the others previously sealed away. Having suffered serious injuries during Kaguya's betrayal, he was healing from his wounds plus biding his time to resurrect, inside Jigen's body.

...NEITHER NINJUTSU NOR SAGE ARTS.
GIVEN THE NAME SHINJUTSU ...
THEY WERE PHENOMENA EQUIVALENT TO DIVINE MIRACLES.
...SUCH GODLIKE ABILITIES WERE...

Miraculous phenomena brought about by gods

Shinjutsu

The generic term for special abilities members of the Ohtsutsuki Clan possess. Big differences compared to shinobi ninjutsu include not needing to weave signs and that only Ohtsutsuki can use some of them. It is said that ninjutsu arose from humans trying to imitate shinjutsu.

The shinjutsu of immortality and those compatible

Karma and Vessels

There exists a shinjutsu that makes immortality possible. An Ohtsutsuki converts themself into data and compresses that data into a Karma which they implant into a target individual. In short, a Karma is an Ohtsutsuki backup file, and its recipient is called a Vessel. Furthermore, in order to safeguard its host's life, the Karma imparts ample combat experience and power upon the Vessel.

Formerly Isshiki's Vessel

Kawaki

Momoshiki's Vessel

Uzumaki Boruto

THAT IS GOING ON EVEN THIS VERY MINUTE.
THE COMPRESSED FILE SLOWLY EXTRACTS OVER TIME.
AND WHEN ALL OF THE DATA IS FULLY EX-TRACTED...

The Ohtsutsuki ritual of rebirth

Resurrection

The compressed data that is a Karma slowly extracts over time within the host's body, and when decompression is complete, the Vessel formally enters the state where Resurrection is possible. When the Ohtsutsuki who created that Karma dies, Resurrection begins immediately. The Vessel's mind and body are overwritten and the original Ohtsutsuki is reborn. If that original Ohtsutsuki is already deceased, Resurrection is launched simultaneous to the Vessel's maturation.

Check out the NARUTO OFFICIAL SITE for all sorts of background and term explanations!